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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 3
Program: "Alaska to Dry Tortugas and Beyond"
Speaker: Dick Williams

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

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December 5, Saturday (LSP)
Lower South Platte and environs
Leader: Ed Holub.
35.0 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, wind southeast 0-5 mph,
23-40°F
Observer: George Armbrust
39 Species, 3749 Individuals.

December 6, Sunday (CAC)
Castlewood Canyon State Park
Leader: JB Hayes.
8.0 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy to cloudy, wind south 0-10 mph
20-27°F; dusting of fresh snow.
Observers: none
19 Species, 176 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

December 1, Tuesday (CHA)
Chatfield Arboretum
Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 30.
0900-1200. 0 miles by car. 2.5 miles on foot
Sunny, 49-68°F; Wind S 3-8 mph.
27 Species, 688 Individuals.

December 8, Tuesday (WAT)
Waterton Canyon
Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 24.

900-1300.0 miles by car. 3 miles on foot.
900-1301. Clear, 30-48°F; Wind SW 0-5 mph.
900-1302. 26 Species, 137 Individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that DFO acknowledges the loss of one of its most distinguished members. On December 22, 1998, Harold Holt passed away at his home at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife, LaVona, and several children and grandchildren. Among his many accomplishments, Harold was responsible for the continuation of the "Lane" guides, which have been an invaluable tool for the birding community for many years. He was a frequent speaker at DFO. Those wishing to remember Harold may make contributions in his name to the birding organization of the donor's choice. Harold has been our mentor, our leader, and our friend. He will be greatly missed.

Our sympathy goes out to Kitty Albee on the death of her husband Mel, who passed away on December 9, 1998, after a brief illness. Kitty has been a DFO member and trip leader for many years. Kitty and Mel were married for seventeen years.

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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REMEMBER TO RENEW

Remember, all DFO members renew at the beginning of the calendar year. Unless your membership was effective after October 1, 1998, it expired Dec. 31, 1998, and will terminate Jan. 31, 1999. While renewing, remember that DFO is successful largely because of the number of members who donate their time and effort. Consider volunteering!

COSTA RICA TRIP OFFERED

Bird Costa Rica with Alicia and Dieter Kamm, Feb. 19 through March 5, 1999. For information, contact Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

CORRECTION

New *Lark Bunting* editorial contacts published last month contained an error. Sherry Chapman's E-mail address is bluebird1993@worldnet.att.net. David Laliberte's E-mail address is LRKBUNTING@aol.com and his phone numbers are 303-297-1390 (voice) and 303-382-1180 (FAX)

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

Because the club has no control over postal delivery dates, our able trip schedulers Jackie King, Patty Echelmeyer and Lynn Willcockson have graciously agreed to help by posting five weeks of schedules in each newsletter whenever possible.

FEEDERWATCH

The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology is soliciting for participants in its Project Feederwatch. For information, contact Laura Kammermeier at 607-254-2457, or E-mail at lmk25@cornell.edu

SOUTHEAST ARIZONA

Join Bob Righter May 1-8, to explore the varied habitats of Southeastern Arizona in search of the many specialties of the region. All expenses will be shared, and are estimated at \$650. For information, call Bob Righter at 303-692-8529.

SOUTH PLATTE PARK OFFERS BIRDING OPPORTUNITIES

South Platte Park (Theo Carson Nature Center, located on the South Platte River near Mineral and Santa Fe) is offering a variety of birding opportunities in 1999. These will consist of classes, hikes, outings and more, including bald eagle viewing, the Hawkwatch, Cranes in Monte Vista, classes for kids, and much more. For information, call Scott Latona at 303-730-1022.

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DFO FIELD TRIP REPORTS				
DECEMBER 1998				
SPECIES	LSP	CAC	CHA	WAT
Pied-billed Grebe	11			
Western Grebe	1			
Double-crested Cormorant	1			
Great-blue Heron	2			1
Trumpeter Swan	1			
Canada Goose	2220		225	
Wood Duck	5			
Mallard	47			7
Northern Shoveler	50			
Gadwall	7			
American Wigeon	35			
Ring-necked Duck	40			
Lesser Scaup	7			
Common Goldeneye	18		2	
Bufflehead	24			
Hooded Merganser	11			
Common Merganser	10			
Bald Eagle			1	3
Northern Harrier		1	1	1
Red-tailed Hawk			1	4
Dark Morph			1	
western races	3			
Ferruginous Hawk				1
American Kestrel	1	1	2	1
American Coot	175			
Ring-billed Gull	21			
Rock Dove	240		9	
Great horned Owl			2m,f	
Belted Kingfisher	4		1	2
Downy Woodpecker	1		4	1
No. Flicker "Red-shafted"	6	1	11	8
Steller's Jay		1		

Blue Jay	1	2		15
Western Scrub-Jay		6		5
Pinyon Jay		2		
Black-billed Magpie	35	8	14	2
American Crow	4	6	165	3
Common Raven				2
Black-capped Chickadee	16	12	16	12
Mountain Chickadee		15		
Red-breasted Nuthatch		25		
White-breasted Nuthatch		5		
Brown Creeper	2		1	
American Dipper				4
Townsend's Solitaire		2		1
American Robin	5			25
Gray Catbird			1	
Northern Mockingbird				1
Cedar Waxwing	8			
Northern Shrike			1	2
European Starling	600		60	
Spotted Towhee		7		4
American Tree Sparrow	6	24	45	6
Song Sparrow	6		2	3
Dark-eyed Junco		27	13	22
"White-winged" race		2		
"Slate-colored" race		6		
"Pink-sided" race		18		
"Gray-headed" race		1		
Red-winged Blackbird	4		40	
Meadowlark Western	5		12	
House Finch	11	30	36	
Pine Siskin		1	1	1
American Goldfinch			6	
House Sparrow	105		15	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	3749	176	688	137
TOTAL SPECIES	39	19	27	26

ADDITIONAL REPORTS SEPTEMBER 1998

Species	Date(s)	#	Comments	Location	County	Observer(s)
Loon, Pacific	12/06 - 12/11	1		Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones
Loon, Pacific	12/10	1		Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Loon, Pacific	12/12 - 12/18	1	imm.	Barr Lake	Adams	Tony Leukering, John Vanderpoel, Brandon Percival, B.B. Hahn, Sherry Chapman, Leon Bright,
Loon, Pacific	12/12 - 12/31	1		Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering
Loon, common	12/01 - 12/12	2-7		Barr Lake	Adams	Joey Kellner
Loon, common	12/05	5		Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Loon, yellow-billed	12/30	1	imm.	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Grebe, eared	12/05	232		Barr Lake	Adams	Tony Leukering, Joey Kellner
Pelican, American white	12/05	1		Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Tony Leukering, mob.
Swan, tundra	12/08	2		Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
Swan, tundra	12/21	2	adults	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Goose, greater white-fronted	12/21	1		Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival
Scaup, greater	12/21	1	immature male	Rocky Ford	Otero	Tony Leukering, mob.
Scaup, greater	12/27	1	male	Belmar Historic Park	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Oldsquaw	12/02 - 12/18	3	immature	Barr Lake	Adams	Tony Leukering, mob.
Oldsquaw	12/07	2		Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Oldsquaw	12/23	1		Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Scoter, black	12/03	1	female	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Scoter, white-winged	12/01	1	female	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Goldeneye, Barrow's	12/03 - 12/19	3	(2m, 1f)	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Goshawk, Northern	12/10	1	adult	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Hawk, red-shouldered	12/18 - 12/29	1	imm.	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Sandpiper, least	12/06	4		Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Dunlin	12/06	2		Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Gull, Bonaparte's	12/19	21		Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering, Bob Dickson
Gull, Thayer's	12/19	1	1st winter	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Gull, Thayer's	12/21	1	1st winter	Rocky Ford	Otero	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede, Sue Bonfield
Gull, Thayer's	12/23	3	1-1st winter, 2ad	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Gull, lesser black-backed	12/19	1	adult	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering
Gull, lesser black-backed	12/20	1	adult	Valco Ponds at Canon City	Fremont	Tony Leukering, Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Gull, lesser black-backed	12/21	1	adult	Rocky Ford	Otero	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede, Sue Bonfield, Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Gull, great black-backed	12/23	1	adult winter	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Collared-dove, Eurasian	12/06	20		Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Collared-dove, Eurasian	12/28 - 12/29	14		Rocky Ford	Otero	Tony Leukering, Ila & Dan Svinger
Owl, barn	12/21	1		Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Owl, long-eared	12/06 - 12/21	3-4		Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Mark Janos
Sapsucker, yellow-bellied	12/16 - 12/31	1	adult male	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Woodpecker, ladder-backed	12/17	1		Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Wren, Bewick's	12/19	2		South of Florence	Fremont	Tony Leukering
Wren, winter	12/02	1		Belmar Historic Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Wren, winter	12/07 - 12/19	1		Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Gnatcatcher, blue-gray	12/06 - 12/13	1		Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Bluebird, Eastern	12/06	26		Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Thrasher, sage	12/05	1		Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Waxwing, Bohemian	12/20	20	Oak Crk Grade Rd	Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Waxwing, Bohemian	12/29	35		Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Tina Jones, Karleen Schofield, Kitty Albee
Waxwing, Bohemian	12/31	20		Olive Marsh	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith
Sparrow, swamp	12/12	1		Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Sparrow, swamp	12/16	1	adult winter	Belmar Historic Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Sparrow, swamp	12/21	2		Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Sparrow, Harris's	12/31	1	imm.	South Platte Park	Arapahoe	Joey Kellner
Sparrow, Harris's	12/31	1	South of river	Olive Marsh	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith
Longspur, McCown's	12/21	3	males	South of Lake Cheraw	Otero	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede, Sue Bonfield
Cardinal, Northern	12/20	1	singing	Rockvale	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Blackbird, rusty	12/17	1		Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Grackle, common	12/08 - 12/10	1	male	Pueblo Nature Center	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Grackle, common	12/13	3		Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald
Grackle, common	12/27	1	female	South of Florence	Fremont	Tony Leukering, Sue Bonfield
Goldfinch, lesser	12/06	1	female	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival
						Sherry Chapman, Leon Bright,

1998 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Day, Date, and Time: Saturday, December 19, 1998, 5:00am to 5:00pm.

Compiler: Dick Schottler **Feeder Coordinators:** Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones

Weather: Overcast with light snow **Temperature:** -6 to 18 deg. F **Wind:** North, 0 to 15 mph

Snow Cover: 0 to 12" **Fresh Water:** Partly open **Wild Food Crop:** fair to good

Observers: 91 (56 in 23 parties, 35 watchers at 32 feeders)

Total Party Hours: 169.25 (109.5 on foot, 59.75 by car)

Total Party Miles: 646.9 (84.9 on foot, 562 by car)

Hours Spent Watching Feeders: 112

Count Totals: 101 species; 26,747 individuals

Participants by Area (Area Leader's names in bold):

- Area 1. Red Rocks Park (RRP): Winston Brockner, **Bob Brown**, Lea Ann Brown, Dan George, Jeff Herzog, Frank McDaniel, David Pruit
- Area 2. Lower Bear Creek (LBC): Sally Fouch, Tom Fouch, **Robert Spencer**
- Area 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP): **Kathy Hawkins**, Syl Sather
- Area 3. Bow Mar/Marston (BMM: **Mortimer Staatz**
- Area 4A. Lower South Platte-east (LSP): Tim Brown, **Ed Holub**, Paul Priest, Verla Priest
- Area 4B. Lower South Platte-west (LSP): Dick Pratt, **Dick Schottler**
- Area 5. Highline Ditch (HLD): Betty Oliver, **Harold Oliver**
- Area 6. Plum Creek (PCK): **Norm Erthal**
- Area 7A. Middle South Platte (MSP): **Randy Lentz**
- Area 7B. Middle South Platte (MSP): Sarah Barnum, **Hugh Kingery**, Urling Kingery, Deb Ostergard
- Area 8. Chatfield Reservoir (CHA): J.B. Hayes, **Joey Kellner**, Steve Stachowiak, Chris Wood
- Area 9. Upper South Platte (USP): **Rick Olson**
- Area 10. Lower Deer Creek (LDC): Patty Echelmeyer, Judy Miller, Diana Mullineaux, **Lynn Willcockson**
- Area 11. Upper Deer Creek (UDC): **Doug Ward**
- Area 12. Yegge Peak (YPK): Bill Bevington, Joan Bevington, **Ann Bonnell**, Else Van Erp, Tom Van Erp
- Area 13. Doublehead Mountain (DHM: **Sherry Chapman**, Mary Gray, Harriet Patton
- Area 14. North Turkey Creek (NTC): **Warren Finch**, Mark Gonzalez
- Area 15. Indian Hills (IHL): **Duane Nelson**, Sherman Wing
- Area 16. Upper Bear Creek (UBC): **Dave Quesenberry**
- Area 17. Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR): (area not counted)
- Area 18. Garrison Gate (GGT): **Chuck Aid**, Ron Carter, Bob Righter
- Area 19. Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB): (area not counted)
- Area 20. Willow Creek (WCK): **Bob Frager**, Jim Perry
- Area 21. Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs (MLW): **Karleen Schofield**

Feeder Watchers: Jane Axtell, Gay Bishop, John Bonnell, Margo Breen, Bill & Jan Carter, Betty Chrisman, Carol Duecker, Marcia Ferguson, Polly Fields, Marjory Friedman, Grace Grutza, Betty & Stan Harwood, Margi Hasslacher, Jewell & Bill Henrichs, Tina Jones, Norman Katusky, Lila Kint, Kurt Lani, Dick Masteller, Jack McGrath, Doris McLaughlin, Doreen Near, John Presler, Leon Rollin, Millie Sanger, Jacque Schneider, Janet Shin, Anne Southcott, Candy Vallado, Donald Wargo, John Weege, Scott Yarberry.

AREA	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	20	21	FEED ERS			
LOCALITY	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	UDC	YPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	UBC	GGT	WCK	MLW	PLAI NS	FOOTH ILLS	TOTAL	
Common Loon											1														1	
Pied-billed Grebe			1	18	6	5			3	3	5														41	
Horned Grebe											1														1	
Western Grebe											7														7	
Double-crested Cormorant											1														1	
Great Blue Heron			1		1	6		2	3	1															14	
Black-crowned Night- Heron			1																						1	
Gr. White-fronted Goose				3																					3	
Snow Goose										1															1	
Canada Goose	90	441	225	305	2600	1850	132	18	165	143	512		175			35			25		2487	75	844	56	10178	
Wood Duck					24	9				6													21		60	
Green-winged Teal					5	26		4	7		10	6													58	
Mallard		60	68	28	150	685	2	9	27	67	85	13									121		51		1366	
Northern Pintail					1	4																			5	
Northern Shoveler					35	1					8										3		2		49	
Gadwall				20	10	100		1		4	5										2				142	
American Wigeon			2		25	52			1			1									8		8		97	
Redhead						2															2				4	
Ring-necked Duck					12	20			1	3											3		13		52	
Greater Scaup											1														1	
Lesser Scaup					8	1				1											2				12	
Common Goldeneye		2	12	2	20	72	5		42		21	5									4				185	
Bufflehead				9	21	84					1														115	
Hooded Merganser		1	1	6	20	9					4										2				43	
Common Merganser			60			67			20	34	1500										2				1683	
Red-breasted Merganser											1														1	
Osprey																					1				1	
Bald Eagle			1	8		3	1		4	9	3	1	1								1		1		33	
Northern Harrier		1	1			3		1	3	4	4	1	1								2				21	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	4											1									1	3		10	
Cooper's Hawk																								1	1	
Goshawk										1					1	1		1							4	
Red-shouldered Hawk											1														1	
"Red-tailed Hawk ("western")"	2	1	2		4	4	3	2	4	5	3		1							1	3	1		2	38	
Ferruginous Hawk			2			1	2																1		6	
Rough-legged Hawk			2		1																				3	
Buteo species		1			2																				3	
Golden Eagle	3		1																						4	
American Kestrel		1	5		2	1	3	1		5	2	1	1								2	1		2	27	
Merlin											1														1	
Prairie Falcon	1	1									1		1												4	

1998 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT HIGHLIGHTS

by Dick Schottler, Compiler

The 45th consecutive Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC), sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists, took place on December 19, 1998 in the 15-mile diameter Count circle centered just north of the old Ken Caryl Ranch entrance. Following weeks of mild weather, Count day weather was the worst in at least 15 years with temperatures barely making it into the double digits, bitter wind chills, light snow most of the day, and heavy fog covering most of the open water severely restricting visibility (the temperature had been 45 degrees the day before the Count!). In spite of the weather, 26,747 individual birds of 101 species were tallied by 56 hardy field observers and 35 feeder watchers (compared with 28,420 individuals of 95 species in 1997).

One species, Red-shouldered Hawk, was added to the cumulative Denver CBC list, bringing the total species seen since 1954 to 188. The hawk, an immature, was observed along the South Platte in Chatfield State Park (area 8) by Joey Kellner and his team. Only one additional species recorded on 5 or fewer of the 44 previous Denver CBC's was spotted - an Osprey observed near Harriman Lake in area 20 by Bob Frager and Jim Perry. Record-high individual numbers were established for four species this year: Wood Duck (60 seen, topping the previous high of 58 set in 1985), Bald Eagle (33, far exceeding the 17 seen in 1997; even allowing for possible double accounting of some birds, this species has made quite a come-back in the Denver area), California Gull (43, almost tripling the 15 seen in 1982), and Yellow-rumped Warbler (10, topping the previous high count of 8 seen in 1991). The 5 Pintails seen were the lowest number recorded on any of the 45 Denver Counts. Lower-than-usual numbers of the following species were observed: Great Blue Heron (lowest number seen since 1973), White-breasted Nuthatch

(the lowest since 1966), Brown Creeper (the fewest seen since 1967), Townsend's Solitaire (the lowest number seen since 1970), Starling (lowest since 1969), and House Finch (lowest since 1972, apparently continuing the decline begun last year). The ten most numerous species observed on the Count were: 1. Canada Goose (10,178), 2. Common Merganser (1,683), 3. Red-winged Blackbird (1,395), 4. Mallard (1,366), 5. Dark-eyed Junco (1,224), 6. Starling (1,177), 7. House Sparrow (1,009), 8. Crow (864), 9. Ring-billed Gull (800), American Coot (676).

Additional species observed in the Count circle during Count Week, but not seen on the 19th, included American Pipit, and Swamp Sparrow.

As compiler of the 45th Denver Christmas Bird Count, I want to thank all of the field observers who braved the wintry weather and the feeder watchers for participating. Special thanks go to the Area Leaders whose efforts make the Count a success year after year, to Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones for their efforts in lining up the feeder watchers and compiling their results, and last but not least, to Scott and Sandy Menough for again hosting our compilation meeting at their Wild Birds Unlimited store and providing the very welcome WARM beverages and refreshments after a COLD day in the field. As always, it was an enjoyable event.

As a final observation, the number of observers this year was the lowest since 1968 (30 years!). As a result, two areas were not counted. While this can be explained in part by the bad weather on Count day, there also seems to the compiler to be a lack of interest by many DFO members in participating in the CBC. This Count is a Denver Field Ornithologists tradition, and I hope many more members will participate in the 1999 Count. 1999 will also mark the 100th year of Christmas Bird Counts nationally - the first was held in 1900 with 28 participants in 25 areas. By comparison, in 1997 more than 49,000 people participated in 1780 counts.

AREA	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	20	21	FEED ERS		
LOCALITY	RRP	LBC	BCP	BM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	UDC	YPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	UBC	GGT	WCK	MLW	PLAI NS	FOOTH ILLS	TOTAL
European Starling		62	15	4	110	9	104	5		7	6		2		20	8		4	11		355		308	147	1177
"Yel.-R. Warbler ("Myrtle")"					8																				8
" ("Audubon's")"					2																				2
Green-tailed Towhee						1																			1
Spotted Towhee	3							2			1	10	3	1	3			1	1			11	6	9	51
American Tree Sparrow	7	27			70	55	159	32	25	49	74	1	43					6				1		7	556
Song Sparrow	7		3		10	24		43	36	38	22	6	1		1			1				1	1	2	196
White-throated Sparrow																								1	1
White-crowned Sparrow			1			2	1				20												9	1	34
Harris' Sparrow						1	1																		2
Dark-eyed Junco	120	64			20		7	8	15	26	19	40	13	36	37	38	45	34	32	6		64	209	391	1224
" "White- winged" " race"															1			1				6		4	12
" "Slate- colored" " race"	10	4			15		1	1	10	9	3	2	2	4			15	4	2			4	68	64	218
" "Oregon"/"pink- sided" "	30	60			5		6	7	5	16	16	38	9	7	10		15	9				26	66	138	463
" "Gray- headed" " race"	30									1			2	25	18		15	20	30	6		26	55	125	353
race ?	50														8	38						2	20	60	178
Red-winged Blackbird		28	4			450	41	2	26		1		34					1			500		108	200	1395
Meadowlark Western							2																		2
Brewer's Blackbird		14				2																			16
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch																								32	32
Rosy Finch species																								21	21
Pine Grosbeak															6										6
Cassin's Finch																								29	29
House Finch	7	32	25		4	1	35	1		3	1		11			21		9	15		9	7	249	26	456
Red Crossbill														60						25		5			90
Pine Siskin													9	25		50	6	44		5		2	7	46	194
Lesser Goldfinch																								4	4
American Goldfinch		1			1	2				38			4			1		1				4	29	21	102
Evening Grosbeak														60		3	2	8						52	125
House Sparrow	2	77	15	1	100	300	5						25					10	20		24	4	397	29	1009
TOTAL SPECIES	24	30	33	19	39	50	26	27	30	40	49	23	32	19	19	18	16	29	16	13	31	30	36	37	101
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	347	1053	561	708	3855	4204	667	285	609	604	3023	247	516	334	129	384	184	325	150	128	3811	275	2759	1589	26747

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Ring-necked Pheasant								1																	1
Wild Turkey																84							8		92
Virginia Rail								1	3	5											1				10
American Coot				265	160	205					40										6				676
Killdeer			1		3	11		1		6	5														27
Common Snipe						4			3																7
Ring-billed Gull		54	21	3	150	14	18		10	7	500										23				800
California Gull			1			2					40														43
Herring Gull						2					12												3		17
Gull species																						2			2
Rock Dove	10	38	27	10	125	33	25		9	4	8		30					59	1		41	9	63	87	579
Mourning Dove						1				2	1														4
Great horned Owl						3			2	1	1		1											2	10
Belted Kingfisher		2	2		1	8			3	8	2	5													31
Downy Woodpecker		4			9	3	1	2	2	7	2	1	4	3		2	2	2	1				9	11	65
Hairy Woodpecker														1	2			3					1	5	12
"No. Flicker "Red-shafted" "	8	16	2	2	23	5	2	18	15	13	5	37	3	6				5	1		3	4	39	15	222
" "Yellow-sh." "x "Red-sh." "																							1		1
Horned Lark							22	1			22														45
Steller's Jay	1												3	30	20	26	1	15		22		7	11	48	184
Blue Jay		2			1								3	6	2						3	3	42	19	81
Western Scrub-Jay	28												3	9		4		2	5	6		7		21	85
Black-billed Magpie	20	70	50	15	30	23	30	30	27	29	21	7	18		2	8	10	15	11	3	19	8	65	24	535
American Crow	3	4	3	1	4	15	54	68	110	5	4		82	5	2	69	10	53	2	9	143	6	53	159	864
Common Raven	6	2				2		1	2	2	3	4	2	1	10	2	2	2	1	3	33	2	2		82
Black-capped Chickadee	11	17	4		28	18	10	29	35	52	36	18	15	15	3	10	15	4	15	2	2	7	68	30	444
Mountain Chickadee														55	4	14	15	12		24		25	3	35	187
Red-breasted Nuthatch														20	1	7	6	4		21		8	2	6	75
White-breasted Nuthatch								1	2						2		6	6				2		6	25
Pygmy Nuthatch														5	6	5	60	20				1		28	125
Brown Creeper														6			1			1		1			9
Rock Wren											1														1
Canyon Wren	3											1	2	2					1						9
Marsh Wren										1															1
American Dipper	3	1	1	1					4	3		7													20
Golden-crowned Kinglet																	2	1	6						9
Townsend's Solitaire	4						1			1		2			3			2				5	2	1	21
American Robin	6	9	1	7	39	3	1			5		74	6		2				2		4	2	99	13	273
Cedar Waxwing		16			10						1		7										7		41
Waxwing species																							12		12
Northern Shrike	1							1		1	1		2	1			1					1			9

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

February 6, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek SRA

Leader: Sherry Chapman, (303) 699-1351.
Meet at 0830 just inside west gate of park; east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional.

February 7, Sunday (LMC)

Lake McConaughy, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 287-1644.
Meet leader at 0700 at Denver Museum of Natural History or call to arrange a more northerly meeting place. The drive takes 4 hours each way. If the lakes are frozen, hundreds of Bald Eagles congregate. Bring lunch and snacks and be prepared for a long, fun day!

February 13, Saturday (FEF)

Feeder Frolic

Leader: Bob Spencer, (303) 279-4682.
Meet leader at 0800 west of King Soopers at northeast corner of S. Federal Blvd. & Bellevue Ave. Visit feeders in Littleton, Deer Creek and Turkey Creek. Expect both plains and foothills birds on this popular trip. Bring lunch.

February 14, Sunday (VDT)

Seventh Annual Valentine's Day Trip

Leader: Karleen Schofield, (303) 936-8661.
Meet leader at 0800 at the S Platte R. parking lot on the SE corner of E. 88th Ave. & Colorado Blvd. Trip will include South Platte River, Adams County Fairgrounds Wildlife Area and Morgan Smith Nature Area in Brighton. Expect to walk 3-4 miles. Bring lunch. This trip is especially good for new members.

February 20, Saturday (FLC)

Ft. Logan National Cemetery & Bear Creek Park

Leader: Doris Cruze, (303) 798-8072.
Meet at 0800 in YMCA parking lot at Sheridan & Hampden Ave. (Hwy. 285). Half day trip. Lunch optional. Especially good for new members and novice birders.

February 21, Sunday (MFP)

Mt. Falcon Park, Red Rocks Park, Lair 'o the Bear Park

Leader: David Laliberte, (303) 297-1390
Meet at 0800 at Park 'n Ride at Wadsworth & Hampden Ave. (Hwy. 285). Bring lunch and be prepared to walk 2 miles on moderate slopes.

February 27, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Ed Holub, (303) 979-2194
Call Ed to register for trip as number of observers is limited. Expect to see Bald Eagles and other wintering raptors. Long-eared Owls and Great Horned Owls are also possible.

February 28, Sunday (LMT)

Longmont area to include Union Reservoir

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, (303) 772-6048. Joint trip with Boulder Bird Club. Meet leaders at 0800 at Jim Hamm Nature Center. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO-119 to Boulder/Weld County Line Rd., then two miles north to park on left (Hygiene Rd./17th Ave.). Bird until noon. May extend into afternoon depending upon weather. Bring lunch.

March 6, Saturday (PUE)

Pueblo Area

Leader: Dave Silverman, (719) 489-3565
Meet leader in Pueblo at 0900 at the K-Mart Caboose in Pueblo at US Hwy. 50 West & Elizabeth. From I-25 exit to US 50 West and go one block west. Easy trails, two to three miles of walking. Bring lunch. States Park Pass required.

March 7, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Mort Staatz, (303) 279-6169

Meet at 0800 at Prospect Park Lake parking lot. Park entrance is on the south side of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb St. Easy trails along the creek. Half day trip.

Scheduled by Jackie King.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS				
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 12/31/98				
	GENERAL	RESERVE	ENDOWMENT	MEMORIAL
	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND
BALANCE, 1/1/98	\$4,225.21	\$7,500.00	\$18,839.25	
RECEIPTS				
1998 Membership Dues				
Received in 1997	3,725.00			
Received in 1998	7,350.00			
Total	11,075.00			
Interest	748.92		1,075.11	
Colorado Bird Report	707.00			
Book Shop	524.75			
Miscellaneous				
Contributions	100.00		290.00	\$1,190.00
Transfer From Memorial Fund			910.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	13,155.67		2,275.11	1,190.00
DISBURSEMENTS				
Printing/Mailing Lark Bunting	6,491.03			
Museum Membership	150.00			
Colorado Bird Report	664.00			
Book Shop	294.71			
Liability Insurance	623.00			
Programs	25.94			
Awards		2,500.00	1,090.87	
Miscellaneous				
Administrative	186.65			
Bird Trips	93.24			
Computer Program for Lark Bunting	127.69			
Transfer to Endowment Fund				910.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	8,656.26	2,500.00	1,090.87	910.00
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER				
DISBURSEMENTS	4,499.41	(2,500.00)	1,184.24	280.00
ADJUSTMENTS				
1998 Membership Dues Received in 1997	(3,725.00)			
1999 Membership Dues Received in 1998	4,980.00			
BALANCE, 12/31/98	\$9,979.62	\$5,000.00	\$20,023.49	\$280.00
Membership at 12/31/98 - 462				



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 3

Program: "Habitat Recovery for Least Tern and Piping Plover"

Speaker: Duane Nelson

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY JANUARY 1999

January 2, Saturday

Join a local area Christmas Count

Canceled due to inclement weather.

January 3, Sunday

(NEC)

Northeast Colorado

Canceled due to inclement weather.

January 9, Saturday

(PRP)

**Parker Regional Park and Castlewood Canyon
State park**

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg.

0830-1400, 35.0 miles by car.

1.2 miles on foot. Overcast to sunny, calm,
17-50°F. Riparian, woods, feeders, canyon.

Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Frager,
Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery, Eleanor White,
Bob Wing, Ru Wing.

24 Species, 206 Individuals.

January 10, Sunday

(CCR)

Cherry Creek Recreation Area

Leaders: Lynn Solomon & Don Beltz.

0800-1200, 10.0 miles by car. 0.75 miles on
foot. Clear, wind W 10 mph, 40°F.

Reservoir, grassland, riparian w/adjacent woods.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Beverlee Guild.

27 Species, 1324 Individuals.

January 16, Saturday

(BLD)

Boulder area to include Valmont Reservoir

Leader: Bob Spencer.

0900-1400, Clear, mostly calm. 30-45°F.

Lake, pond, river.

Observers: Ferd Dirckx, Jo Dirckx, Gail Evans,
Warren Finch, Jean Frazier, Carol Fredericks,
Ken Fredericks, Ivan Getting, Peggy Gonder,
Dianna Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Richard
Mendez, Chuck Mowry, Janice Mowry, Chris
Owens, Dick Pratt, Sue Rupp, Buzz Schaumberg,
Jay Sprout, Mort Staatz, Ru Wing, Margie
Winter, Amy Young, Eric Zorawowicz.

45 Species, 952 Individuals.

January 17, Sunday

(ROX)

Roxborough State Park

Leader: Doris Cruze.

0800-1030. 00.0 miles by car. 2.3 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind NNW 0-35 mph, 27-36°F.
foothills, transition zone.

Observers: Mary-Margaret Coates,
Larry Elwel, Debbie Gilliam, Charles Gilliam,
Cilia Greenman, Beverlee Guild, Kathleen
Magee, Linda White.

24 Species, 168 Individuals.

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January 23, Saturday Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

(WRG)

Leader: Ruth Breckon.

0830-1200, 0.0 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind NW 4-7 mph, 26-46°F.

Riparian.

Observers: Mort Staatz

29 Species, 1096 Individuals.

January 24, Sunday South Platte River & Adams County

(SPR)

Leader: David Laliberte.

0845-1515, 40.4 miles by car. 0.50 miles on

foot. Cloudy (overcast), occasional light

flurries, wind NE 1-14 mph, windchill 8 °F:

32-28°F.

Riparian, reservoirs, roadsides, field.

Observers: Ivan Getting, Richard Mendez,

Chris Owens, Frank Rathman, Marilyn

Rathman, Joe Roller, Lynn Solomon, Marcia

Sullivan, Bob Wing, Ru Wing.

44 Species, 1148 Individuals.

January 30, Saturday Foothills and Mountains

(FAM)

Leader: Warren Finch.

0700-1600, 160.0 miles by car. 2.0 miles on

foot. Cloudy to partly cloudy, wind S 0-2 mph,

25-40°F.

Foothills scrub, conifer, alpine tundra,

Observers: Tamie Bulow, Bob Frager, Jo-Ann

Garavaglia, Gene Rutherford, Buzz Schaumburg,

Karleen Schofield, Dick Schottler, Ann Sprague,

Mort Staatz.

29 Species, 558 Individuals.

January 31, Sunday Chatfield State Park

(CSP)

Leader: Ira Sanders.

0800-1315, 16.0 miles by car. 2.5 miles

on foot. Partly cloudy to clear, wind W 1-3

mph, 27-47°F.

Open river, reservoir (mostly frozen), riparian,

Observers: Tammy Ferriera, Karleen Schofield,

Peter Spanberger.

33 Species, 601 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

January 5, Tuesday (CHA)

Chatfield SP.

Leader Ann Bonnell. 16 observers.

0645-1300, 11 miles by car. 1-1/2 miles on foot.

Mostly cloudy 38-50 °F; wind SW

0-10 mph; Reservoir, riparian, open grassy areas.

32 species. 1071 individuals.

January 5, Tuesday (CHR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader Mary Cay Burger. 5 observers.

0700-1000, 5 miles by car, ¼ miles on foot.

Partly cloudy 40-45 °F; wind SW 5-10 mph.

Riparian, open fields.

15 species. 3323 individuals.

January 12, Tuesday (BWS)

Boulder - Walden & Sawhill ponds

Leader Ann Bonnell. 36 observers.

0900-1200, 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot.

Cloudy; 45-47 °F; wind NE 0-10 mph. Riparian, reclaimed gravel pits.

36 Species. 640 Individuals.

January 19, Tuesday (SPP)

South Platte Park

Leader Ann Bonnell. 29 observers.

0900-1230, 0 miles by car, 4 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny; 49-60 °F; wind variable 0-6 mph.

Gravel ponds, riparian, cattails.

37 species. 935 individuals.

January 26, Tuesday (SOP)

South Platte River & 74th

Leader Ann Bonnell. 28 observers.

0900-1200, 0 miles by car, 3½ miles

on foot; 34-45 °F; wind NW 5-25mph. Riparian, agricultural.

28 species. 665 individuals.

DENVER AUDUBON CLASSES

"Beginning Birdwatching" March 30 classroom, with multiple field dates. Hugh and Urling Kingery teach the art and science of birding. For information and registration, call Becky Beckers at 303-766-5266.

"Are You Tired of Only Getting Starlings and House Sparrows in Your Nesting Box?" April 5. Tina Jones teaches at Audubon Society. Information may be obtained from Becky Beckers, 303-766-5266.

"Birds & Berries: Landscaping for Wildlife and Birds" April 3, 10 & 17. Tina Jones teaches at Denver Botanic Gardens. For information and registration, call the gardens at 303-370-8019.

DENVER AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

"Birding Highlights of Boulder" March 14. Suzi and Myron Plooster lead.

"Hawkwatch on Dinosaur Ridge" April 10. Mitch and Peter Ericson. For information on both of these trips, contact Becky Beckers at 303-766-5266.

FREE WILDLIFE WATCHING SKILLS WORKSHOP BY DOW

Master new outdoor skills through a brand new activity-filled, introductory wildlife viewing skills workshop developed by CDQW. DOW is offering this workshop free of charge to DFO members and friends! The class is recommended for adults and children over 12. The class will be held Sunday, April 18, from 8:30-5:30, at the Chatfield Arboretum. For information, call Norm Lewis at 303-988-5544.

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ADDITIONAL REPORTS JANUARY 1999

Species	Date(s)	#	Comments	Location	County	Observer(s)
Loon, Pacific	01/01 - 01/30	4		Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Joey Kellner, Mark Janos, Steve Stachowiak, MObs.
Loon, common	01/01 - 01/30	7		Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Joey Kellner, Mark Janos, Steve Stachowiak, MObs.
Loon, yellow-billed	01/03 - 01/30	1	immature	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering, Brandon Percival, MObs.
Swan, trumpeter	01/03 - 01/30	3		Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, BB Hahn, Leon Bright, MObs.
Goose, greater white-fronted	01/08	7		Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, BB Hahn, MObs.
Teal, cinnamon	01/29	1	male [Very early date]	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, BB Hahn
Scaup, greater	01/04 - 01/30	4	(2m, 2f)	Vineyard Fire Dept. Pond	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Scaup, greater	01/24	1	male	Wheatridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Scaup, greater	01/28	2	(1m, 1f)	Pueblo; Runyon Park spillway	Pueblo	Tina Jones, Tammy Bulow, Patty Echelmeyer, Dave Silverman
Scaup, greater	01/29 - 01/31	1	male	Rocky Ford Sewage Ponds	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Goldeneye, Barrow's	01/01 - 01/11	4	(3m, 1f)	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, MObs.
Goldeneye, Barrow's	01/31	1	male	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Hawk, red-shouldered	01/04 - 01/08	1		Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Ric Olson
Hawk, red-shouldered	01/23	1	immature	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Merlin	01/02	1	male richardson's race	Brighton Rd & 136th Ave.	Adams	Tina Jones
Merlin	01/31	1	"dark" bird	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Sandpiper, least	01/31	1	[Unusual wintering record]	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Gull, Thayer's	01/01 - 01/11	3	(1ad, 1-3rd basic, 1-1st basic)	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, MObs.
Gull, Iceland	01/09 - 01/10	1	(1st basic - Poss. 1st state record)	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Ric Olson, Brandon Percival, MObs.
Gull, lesser black-backed	01/01 - 01/16	1	(4th basic)	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, MObs.
Gull, great black-backed	01/01 - 01/30	1	adult basic	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, MObs.
Gull, great black-backed	01/23	1	2nd basic	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
Owl, long-eared	01/17 - 01/30	4		Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, MObs.
Sapsucker, yellow-bellied	01/01 - 01/20	1	adult male	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, MObs.
Sapsucker, yellow-bellied	01/04 - 01/06	1	immature male	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, MObs.
Sapsucker, yellow-bellied	01/04	1	immature female	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Peter Gaede
Wren, winter	01/18	1		Colorado City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Rachel Kolokoff
Wren, winter	01/29 - 01/31	1		Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, BB Hahn, Mark Janos, Bob Dickson
Thrasher, sage	01/06	3	[Unusual winter record]	Pueblo West Subdivision	Pueblo	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival, Joey Kellner, Paul Hertado
Thrasher, brown	01/23	1		Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
Thrasher, brown	01/25	1	[Unusual winter record in mtns]	West Chicago Creek Rd	Clear Creek	Tina Jones, Warren Finch
Sparrow, rufous-crowned	01/08	1		Tunnel Drive - Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, BB Hahn
Sparrow, field	01/27	1	[Unusual winter record]	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Sparrow, Lincoln's	01/23 - 01/29	1	[Unusual winter record]	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley, MObs.
Sparrow, swamp	01/23 - 01/29	2		Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley, MObs.
Sparrow, swamp	01/23 - 01/29	2		Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley, MObs.
Sparrow, Harris's	01/03 - 01/17	1	immature	South Platte Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Joey Kellner
Blackbird, rusty	01/01 - 01/23	6		Pueblo; Runyon Park spillway	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Steve Stachowiak, MObs.

Corrections to the December Additional Sightings:

The 14 Cur. Collared-Doves on 12/29-29, should be in Springfield, Baca County instead of Rocky Ford, Otero County.

The Sage Thrasher on 12/5, should be 2 Sage Thrashers instead of 1.

The Bohemian Waxwing sighting on 12/20, should be 1 instead of 20, at Oak Creek Grade Rd.

JANUARY 1999 SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				
	9 PRP	10 CCR	16 BLD	17 ROX	23 WRG	24 SPR	30 FAM	31 CSP	5 CHA	5 CHR	12 BWS	19 SPP	26 SOP
Pied-billed Grebe			4			4						5	3
Horned Grebe			2										
Western Grebe			8										
Double-cr Cormorant			4								1		
Great-blue Heron			5			2					1	4	
Blk-cr Night-Heron			2										
Canada Goose		800	430	35	630	149		368	730	3000	180	550	40
Wood Duck													
Green-winged Teal		25	2		13	55		12	17	75	2	5	50
Mallard	26	100	23	12	52	81		61	25	25	12	62	40
Northern Pintail						52			1		2		45
Northern Shoveler					75	72					60	4	90
Gadwall		20	6		23	77		6	4	12	10	8	80
American Wigeon			2		32	54					12		18
Canvasback			4		4	3					24		
Redhead			1								7		
Ring-necked Duck			14			12					65	4	48
Lesser Scaup			1		5	24		8					
Common Goldeneye		25	4		18	36		13	11	15	6	9	25
Barrow's Goldeneye						5							
Bufflehead				4		17		3			7	27	1
Hooded Merganser		3	1		18	3					15	3	2
Common Merganser		60	4			3				70	2	23	1
Red-br Merganser			5		15								
Ruddy Duck											1		
Bald Eagle		1	6	1	1	3		1	1	1	2	3	
Northern Harrier	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1										
Northern Goshawk							1						
Red-tailed Hawk			4		1	16	2	5	8	5	3	5	2
Dark Morph								(1)					
Rufous Morph								(1)					
western races		2		1			(2)	(1)					
"Harlan's" race									1				
Ferruginous Hawk			2			3		2	1				
Rough-legged Hawk	1					1							
American Kestrel		1	1	1		2		2	1		1	1	1
Prairie Falcon						1							1
Blue Grouse							1						
Wild Turkey							41						
American Coot		80	108		39	14				20	50	12	1
Killdeer						1		2	1			7	
Common Snipe	3												
Bonaparte's Gull													1
Ring-billed Gull		100	36	3	55	158		13	5	25	25	2	75
Herring Gull		1				3		1					
Rock Dove	8		21	21	45	31	5	1	30		18	6	35
Mourning Dove												4	
Great horned Owl					1	1					2 (m, f)		
Belted Kingfisher	2	1	2		2	2		1	2		2	5	2
Lewis' Woodpecker	5												
Downy Woodpecker	(2)				1		4	3	8				
"Rocky Mountain" race	2	1					(4)						
"eastern" races			1										

JANUARY 1999 SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				
	9	10	16	17	23	24	30	31	5	5	12	19	26
	PRP	CCR	BLD	ROX	WRG	SPR	FAM	CSP	CHA	CHR	BWS	SPP	SOP
Hairy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race							4 (4)						
No. Flicker "Red-sh"	7	3	2	4	2	1		6	8		1	5	
Horned Lark						2		5					
Steller's Jay							10						
Blue Jay	4		3					1			4		
Western Scrub-Jay	9			12									
Clark's Nutcracker							5						
Black-billed Magpie	3	15	5	7	18	18	7	25	27	4	4	20	10
American Crow		8	200	2	15		60	2	19	25	7	6	
Common Raven				6			5	1					
Blk-capped Chickadee	19	1H	5	18	2	1	6	20	20		2	14	
Mountain Chickadee							60						
Red-breasted Nuthatch							20						
White-br Nuthatch				1			5						
Pygmy Nuthatch							10						
Brown Creeper							1	2					
Canyon Wren				1									
Marsh Wren		1											
American Dipper									1				
Townsend's Solitaire			2	1			5	1	1		1		
American Robin			2		1				1		2	1	
Gray Catbird				1									
Northern Mockingbird									1				
Cedar Waxwing												9	
Northern Shrike							1		1			1	
European Starling		20	6		10	78	5	1	50	25	100	50	45
Spotted Towhee	1			8									
American Tree Sparrow	33	7	1	1	1	5		20	30		6	2	12
Song Sparrow	4	2	2			2		3	4		3	2	2
White-cr Sparrow "Gambel's" race	(1) 1					3							4
Harris' Sparrow												1	
Dark-eyed Juncō	(1)		5	12	5								
"Slate-colored" race	4			6			2						
"Oregon" race	6			2			2						
"Pink-sided" race	7			4			5						
"Gray-headed" race	13						2						
Red-winged Blackbird	20	40	1	1		7		1	2	20	7	50	30
Meadowlark Western						5		2				9	
Brewer's Blackbird						18							
Common Grackle							2						
Gray-cr Rosy Finch "Hepburn's" race							250 5						
Black Rosy Finch							5						
Brn-capped Rosy Finch							10						
House Finch	9		3		7	2	1	8	35			5	1
Red Crossbill									20				
Pine Siskin	8			10			15						
American Goldfinch	1	4	8	5		4			2				
Evening Grosbeak							1						
House Sparrow	8	2	2		5	117		1					
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	206	1324	952	168	1096	1148	29	601	32	15	37	36	28
TOTAL SPECIES	24	27	45	24	29	44	558	33	1069	3323	648	925	665

Denver Urban Christmas Bird Count
by Hugh Kingery, Compiler

The Denver Urban Christmas count comprised 78 species, 31,757 individuals. Averages for the count's 10 years: 78 species, 33,186 individuals with Canada Geese comprising one-third of the total.

Highlights include: every likely diurnal raptor but only two owls (Great Horned and Long-eared). The roost count at Rocky Mountain Arsenal by Dan Matiotis tallied 67 Bald Eagles, the high count for this season. (Those birds roost principally inside the refuge along the two Derby Lakes; visitors to the Eagle Watch on Buckley Road can't see very many.)

The Tuesday Birders found both Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets at Fairmont Cemetery. Among the many ducks including Barrow's Goldeneye and Red-breasted Merganser, Harold and Betty Oliver discovered a White Pelican along the Platte somewhere south of Alameda.

It's really an urban count. Karleen Schofield counted the most Canada Geese, 2585, in the City Park area and Jackie King counted the most Starlings--1372--in the Commerce City section. Casey Davenport's group found five Spotted Towhees at the Botanic Gardens. Three groups reported 4 Virginia Rails.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Participants by Area</u>
Aurora	Sherry Chapman, Frank Clough, Randy Lentz
Buckley	Ron Beane
CherryCr.	Gail Evans, Bea Slingsby, Paul Slingsby
CCRes.	Bob Brown, Tamie Bulow, Patty Echelmeyer, John Flavin, Tina Jones, Jim Knoy, Joe Roller, Ellie Walker
CommerceCy	Jackie King, David Laliberte
DCC/CCK	Tom Bayer, Andrea Bloom, Mary Crawford, Casey Davenport, Evan Metcalf
Fairmont	(Tuesday Birders) Ann Bonnell, Ila Clark, George Takeno
Kent	Dennis Downing, Lynn Willcockson
NHmpdn	Walt Hackney
Park Hill	Karleen Schofield
RMA	Mindy Hetrick, Ed Holub, Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery, Dan Matiotos, Jo Patton, Dorothy Sutherlin, Jean Tarbel
SPNorth	Warren Finch, Duane Nelson, Dick Pratt, Dick Schottler, Robert Spencer
SPSouth	Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver

Feeder watchers: Cat Anderson, Hazel Briggs, Phyllis Carleton, Lois Foreman, Carol Hack, Dorothy Hampton, Kenneth Lane, Ellie Jones, John Kerlin, Ruth King, Robert Luedke, Floyd & Helen McIntire, Randy Nelson, Donna Randolph, Polly Reetz, Joy Schieving, Jean Smith, Kathleen Stewart, Ellen Swanson, Fay Sweat, June Sweat, Jiri Vondracek, Tom Ward, Mary Washburne, Bill & Suzanne Wuerthele, Martha Zoetewey

JANUARY 1, 1999	DENVER URBAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT														
SPECIES	Aurora	Bckly	CCRes	Creek	DCC	Frmt	Fdr	Mntb	PkHI	RMA	SPNc	SPSp	S/Hmp	N/Hmp	TOTAL
Pied-billed Grebe											5	3			8
American White Pelican												1			1
Great Blue Heron	4					2					1	2			9
Black-crowned Night-Heron				2							1	5			8
Canada Goose	1070	636	600	284	275	2030	1558	454	2585	431	140	993	1000	461	12517
Wood Duck													4		4
Green-winged Teal	32		44			29		2		1	60	127			295
Mallard	306	32	62	102	15	77	7	2	723	66	80	134	86	154	1846
Northern Pintail									5	2	65	3			75
Northern Shoveler	10		3			7			2		300	355	6		683
Gadwall			16		6				1	8	140	465			636
American Wigeon	135						28		4	2	45	10	13		237
Canvasback											10				10
Redhead					2						34				36
Ring-necked Duck										17	26	23			66
Lesser Scaup	3										27				30
Common Goldeneye	9		17	1	7		7		22	3	65	104			235
Barrow's Goldeneye												2			2
Bufflehead											5	9			14
Hooded Merganser			6	1							19	41			67
Common Merganser			42			8			37	3	15	38			143
Red-breasted Merganser												2			2
Bald Eagle	2	2	4					3		67	1				79
Adult	[2]	[2]	[4]					[2]		[19]					[29]
Immature								[1]		[14]	[1]				[16]
Northern Harrier	3		3					1		12					19
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1					1	9						2		13
Cooper's Hawk									1						1
Red-tailed Hawk	5	4	5	1	1	1	2	2		13	5		2		41
"Harlan's" race										1					1
Ferruginous Hawk	1	11						5		5					22
Rgh-legged Hawk			3					1		10					14
Buteo (sp.)	1														1

JANUARY 1, 1999	DENVER URBAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT														
SPECIES	Aurora	Bckly	CCRes	Creek	DCC	Frmt	Fdr	Mntb	PkHl	RMA	SPNc	SPSp	S/Hmp	N/Hmp	TOTAL
Golden Eagle										2 im					2
American Kestrel	6	4	3	1		6	3	10		5	5	4		1	48
Merlin				1	1			1					1	1	5
Peregrine Falcon										1					1
Prairie Falcon										4	1				5
Ring-necked Pheasant			3					1		1					5
Virginia Rail			1							1			2		4
American Coot	2		17			2				2	3	10			36
Killdeer	5						1				8	2			16
Common Snipe	3										2				5
Ring-billed Gull	114		35	25		56	2	49	79	6	300	265	4	17	952
Herring Gull			12						2		1				15
Gull (sp.)			40		4		14								58
Rock Dove	170	121	37	179	36	97	272	383	178	21	30	296	14	49	1883
Mourning Dove													2		2
Great Horned Owl	1	1								7					9
Long-eared Owl										8					8
Belted Kingfisher	2		2	7	2		1	1			6	7	1	2	31
Downy Woodpecker	4				1	1	14	1		8		3	2		34
Hairy Woodpecker				1	2					3					6
No. Flicker "Red-shafted"	16	3	23	19	4	11	56	14	11	15	6	11	6	31	226
Horned Lark		40								17					57
Blue Jay	14			4			21					1	11	7	58
Black-billed Magpie	102	43	40	43	13	80	90	116	97	177	18	8	51	30	908
Crow	52	3	12	59	2	27	92	28	91	3	7	37	6	102	521
Black-capped Chickadee	24		12	14	16	15	64	3	2	13	7	3	4	11	188
Mountain Chickadee						1									1
Red-breasted Nuthatch						9	3						1	1	14
White-breasted Nuthatch														1	1
Brown Creeper	1					2	3		1						7
American Dipper	1											1			2
Golden-crowned Kinglet						2									2

JANUARY 1999	DENVER URBAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT														
SPECIES	Aurora	Bckly	CCRes	Creek	DCC	Frmt	Fdr	Mrtb	PkHl	RMA	SPNc	SPSo	S/Hmp	N/Hmp	TOTAL
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						2									2
Townsend's Solitaire				6		2	3		2		1		3	1	18
American Robin	6		1		66	2	26	3	38	4			26	4	176
Cedar Waxwing													12		12
Northern Shrike								2		1					3
European Starling	440	96	100	340	17	116	328	1372	1000	179	450	210	150	105	4903
Spotted Towhee					5										5
American Tree Sparrow	114	32	61			13		55		186	19			6	486
Song Sparrow	12	7	3	3		4		1		5	10	3	9	3	60
White-crowned Sparrow	20	1				6				1	4				32
Dark-eyed Junco				16		32	3			59					110
"White-winged" race	1									2					3
"Slate-colored" race	3		1				27		1	5	2	8	1	3	51
"Oregon" race	4	4	3		21	2	29	5	3	26	1		7	8	113
"Pink-sided" race	12		3		22		16	3		44	25			11	136
"Gray-headed" race							1						1		2
Red-winged Blackbird	74	32	86			3	10	105		109	12		11		442
Western Meadowlark	2	11	3					16		7					39
Brewer's Blackbird								10		1	21				32
Common Grackle										1					1
House Finch	111	28	9	53	4	20	273	80	92	202	15		13	197	1097
American Goldfinch	11	3	21	11		8	36	3		61	4				158
House Sparrow	168		10	38	16	69	918	168	76	24	3	22	6	144	1662
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	3077	1114	1343	1211	538	2743	3917	2900	5053	1852	2005	3208	1457	1350	31768
TOTAL SPECIES	39	21	37	24	23	34	32	31	23	46	44	35	31	22	78

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS	
EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND	
FROM INCEPTION (9/19/94) TO 12/31/98	
RECEIPTS	
Permanent Fund	
Memorials	\$17,912.38
Alan Hay	
Joe TenBrink	
Mary Hope Robinson	
Ruth Wheeler	
Contributions from Members	1,036.00
Total Permanent Fund	18,948.38
Interest	3,813.51
TOTAL RECEIPTS	22,761.89
DISBURSEMENTS	
Grants	
Individuals	835.00
Organizations	1,903.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	2,738.40
BALANCE, 12/31/98	\$20,023.49

SIGHT RECORD FORM

The following two pages are a copy of the official Colorado Field Ornithologists' sight record form. The next time you find that special rarity why not make a copy of this form, fill it out and send it in? The form is self explanatory and even contains the address to send it.

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RESULTS:

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS, DRAWINGS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY)

SPECIES: _____
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

DATE(S) OF OBSERVATION: _____

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: _____ SEX: _____ PLUMAGE: _____

EXACT LOCATION: _____

COUNTY: _____ NEAREST TOWN: _____ ELEVATION: _____

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: _____ TIME(S) OF OBSERVATION: _____

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO SAW THE BIRD(S) WITH YOU:

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

LIGHT CONDITIONS (QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION):

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED:

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): _____

WAS BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED? _____ IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? _____

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? _____

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE THE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE AND HOW YOU PLACED THE BIRD IN THE GENERAL GROUP THAT YOU DID. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF PLUMAGE, INCLUDING HEAD, THROAT, UNDERSIDES, NAPE, BACK, WINGS AND TAIL. GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO MARKS YOU USED TO IDENTIFY THE BIRD(S). DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS, SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYE, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION. (FILL OUT THIS PORTION EVEN IF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SUBMITTED; YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, FIELD SKETCHES OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES):

DESCRIBE BIRD'S CALL OR SONG:

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM NOTES MADE DURING ____ OR AFTER ____ OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY ____.

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MARCH FIELD TRIPS

March 6, Saturday

Pueblo Area (PUE)

Leader: Dave Silverman, (719) 489-3565
Meet leader in Pueblo at 0900 at the K-Mart
Caboose in Pueblo at US Hwy. 50 West &
Elizabeth. From I-25 exit to US 50 West and go
one block west. Easy trails, two to three miles of
walking. Bring lunch. State Park pass required.
For carpool information from Denver contact
Karleen Schofield, (303) 936-8661.

March 7, Sunday

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WRG)

Leader: Mort Staatz, (303) 279-6169
Meet at 0800 at Prospect Park Lake parking lot.
Park entrance is on the south side of W. 44th
Ave. just east of Robb St. Easy trails along the
creek. Half day trip, lunch optional.

March 13, Saturday

Cherry Creek Reservoir/State Park (CCR)

Leader: Dave Quesenberry, (303) 796-7603
Meet at 0800 at west entrance of park. State
Park pass needed. Half day trip, lunch optional.
Could be a good opportunity to test your gull
identification skills!

March 14, Sunday

Chatfield Reservoir/State Park (CSP)

Leader: Bob Brown, (303) 791-6204
Meet leader at 0730 at west gate off Wadsworth
Blvd. Entrance is approximately 1 1/2 miles
south of C-470. State Park pass required. Half
day trip, lunch optional.

March 20, Saturday

Northeast Colorado (NEC)

Leader: Joey Kellner, (303) 978-1748
Meet at 0600 at the Division of Wildlife parking
lot at 6060 Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th and go
west to Broadway, then north to DOW. Full day
trip, bring lunch. Will need to carpool as much
as possible.

March 21, Sunday

Rawhide Power Plant (RPP)

Leader: Dr. Ronald Ryder, (970) 482-8089
Meet at 0830 at Visitor Overlook at power
plant. Take exit 288 (Buckeye Rd.) from I-25.
Go west approximately 3 miles to visitor
overlook. Trip will also include areas in Ft.
Collins. Full day trip, bring lunch and spotting
scope. For carpool information from Denver
contact Karleen Schofield, (303) 936-8661.

March 27, Saturday

Canon City Riverwalk (CRW)

Leader: David Pantle, (719) 275-8208
Meet leader at 0900 at his home, 1826 Flora Ct.
in Canon City. Bird the Riverwalk area, then
spend the afternoon driving country roads.
Bring lunch and eat at leader's home
overlooking the Arkansas River. This is a two
hour drive from Denver in good weather. For
carpool information from Denver contact
Karleen Schofield, (303) 936-8661.

March 28, Sunday

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leader: Dick Schottler, (303) 278-8035
Meet leader at 0700 at park entrance. Take I-76
to Bromley Lane, then east to Picadilly Rd. and
go south to the park entrance. State Park pass
necessary. Half day trip, lunch optional. Will
walk 3-4 miles on easy trails.

April 3, Saturday

Northwest Denver Lakes (NDL)

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, (303) 233-4947
Meet leader at 0800 in parking lot at northwest
corner of Sloan Lake Park at Sheridan & Byron
Place. Northwest Denver lakes including Sloan
Lake, Crown Hill Lake, Coors Ponds. Half day
trip, lunch optional.

Scheduled by Lynn Willcockson.



THE LARK BUNTING

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY FEBRUARY 1999

February 6, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek SRA

Leader: Sherry Chapman.

0830-1330, 4.0 miles by car. 0.8 miles on

foot. wind 0 mph, 36-60°F; Observers:

Lou Dittmar, Tammy Ferriera, Warren

Finch, Jean Frazer, Carol Haskell, Ira

Sanders, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Chuck

Walters. 30 Species, 860 Individuals.

February 7, Sunday (DRP)

Duck Lake, Rawhide Power Plant,

Pawnee Natl. Grasslands

Leader: Jackie King.

0700-1700, 221.0 miles by car. 1.0 miles

on foot. Partly cloudy, wind nw 0-15 mph,

38-62°F; Observers: Kitty Albee, Marlene

Andrews, Tammy Ferreira, Beverlee Guild,

Ira Sanders, Karlene Schofield, Ann

Southcott, Amy Young.

48 Species, 10903 Individuals.

February 13, Saturday (FEF)

**Feeder Frolic Littleton area So. Platte
Park Wolhurst Pond Deer Cr. Canyon.**

Leader: Bob Spencer.

0800-1400, 35.0 miles by car. 1.0 miles

on foot. Mostly clear Wind from wind

west 0-10mph, 35-50°F, Plains Foothills;

suburban, ponds, river, riparian; scrub,

cliffs, feeders. Elev: 5,300 to 6,400 ft.

Observers: Don Beltz, Susan Blansett,

Peggy Gonder, Grace Hahn, Sonja Hahn,

Tina Jones, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens,

Danny Plain, Felice Plain, Karleen

Schofield, Mary Jane Schock, Mort Staatz.

36 Species, 406 Individuals.

February 14, Sunday (VDT)

Seventh Annual Valentine's Day Trip

Leader: Karleen Schofield.

0800-1700, 48.0 miles by car. 2.5 miles

on foot. Partly cloudy, wind 0-15 mph,

38-56°F; Riparian, agricultural; Elev:

5,300 Ft. Observers: Carol Fredericks,

Ken Fredericks, Dennis Downing, Bob

Frager, Beverly Guild, Eleese Miller,

Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Ann

Southcott, Marcia Sullivan, Joyce

Takamine. 52 Species, 5598 Individuals

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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February 20, Saturday (BCM)

Bear Creek Park & Marston Reservoir.

Leader: Warren Finch.

0800-1200, 5.0 miles by car. 1.0 miles on

foot. Sunny. Wind s, 5 mph, 32-42°F;

Riparian, open water. Observers: Bob

Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Tammy Ferreira.

31 Species, 1010 Individuals.

February 21, Sunday (MFP)

Mt. Falcon Park, Indian Hills, Lair 'o the Bear Park, Red Rocks Park.

Leader: David Laliberte.

0800-1515, 43.1 miles by car. 1.75

miles on foot. partly cloudy to cloudy,

dry wind south-southeast 5-15 mph,

18-45°F; Upper Sonoran/Transition zone,

lower Montane, creeks. Observers: Carol

Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Karleen

Schofield. 33 Species, 460 Individuals.

February 27, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Ed Holub.

0740-1410, 35.0 miles by car. 2.0 miles

on foot. Sunny, clear, wind nw 3-15 mph,

25-52°F; Prairie, ponds, riparian.

Observers: Kay Alsum, Tim Brown, Diane

Buell, Lynn Jordan, David Laliberte, Ann

Southcott, Nel Swiers

42 Species, 1122 Individuals.

February 28, Sunday (LMT)

Longmont area

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard

Mendez. 0800-1200, 47.0 miles by car.

0.4 miles on foot. Clear & sunny, wind

w < 5 mph, 40-60 °F. Observers:

Brenda Armfield, Jo Dirkx, Ferd Dirkx,

Tammy Ferreira, Carol Fredericks, Ken

Fredericks, Don Hall, Phyllis Meldrum,

John Myers, Pete Plage, Dick Pratt, Ira

Sanders, Karleen Schofield, Lynn Solomon,

Helga Sproul, Jay Sproul, Nancy Wesorick,

Jim Wesorick, Eric Zorawowicz.

40 Species, 3677 Individuals.

ADDITIONAL FIELD TRIPS FOR FEBRUARY

February 27, Saturday (SEC)

Southeastern Colorado Big Day: including Kiowa, Prowers, Bent, Otero, Pueblo, Fremont, and Custer Counties

Observers: Brandon Percival, Van Truan.
0045-2045, 483.0 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot. Partly Cloudy, wind west 0-12 mph. 22-58 °F; Plains, foothills, and mountains. Elev: 4,200 to 10,000 ft
100 Species, 24,661 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

February 2, Tuesday (CAR)

Chatfield Arboretum.

Leader Ann Bonnell, 47 Observers;
0900-1200; 0.0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot; (two groups),
Cloudy to mostly sunny; 41-52°F;
wind nw 3-8 mph; Riparian, cattails, juniper & open fields; Elev. 5,500 ft.;
24 Species, 335 Individuals.

February 9, Tuesday (RRM)

Red Rocks & Morrison Parks.

Leader Ann Bonnell, 40 observers;
0900-1200; 5.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot; Sunny; 48-68°F; wind calm; Foothills, shrub land & city park, riparian; elev. 5,800-6,360 ft.; 19 species, 78 individuals.

February 16, Tuesday (BCL)

Bear Creek Lake Park-Lakewood.

Leader Ann Bonnell, 33 Observers;
0900 -1200; 9.0 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot; Mostly cloudy; 40-51°F; wind nw 0-5 mph; Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, open fields;
Elev. 5,800 ft.; 24 species, 148 individuals.

February 23, Tuesday (HGA)

Hudson Gardens & South Platte bicycle path to Riverfront.

Leaders Alice Kruse & Jim Trammell,
Observers 33; 09:00-1200; 0.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot; Sunny; 40-55°F; wind calm; Gravel pits, riparian, cattails,

gardens; Elev. 5,600 ft.; 25 species, 350 individuals.

Monna Krebs (compiler)

DENVER AUDUBON CLASSES

"Beginning Birdwatching" March 30 classroom, with multiple field dates. Hugh and Urling Kingery teach the art and science of birding. For information and registration, call Becky Beckers at 303-766-5266.

Date change

"Are You Tired of Only Getting Starlings and House Sparrows in Your Nesting Box?" April 6 (evening class), not April 5 as previously announced. Tina Jones teaches at Audubon Society. Information may be obtained from Becky Beckers, 303-766-5266.

"Birds & Berries: Landscaping for Wildlife and Birds" April 3, 10 & 17. Tina Jones teaches at Denver Botanic Gardens. For information and registration, call the gardens at 303-370-8019. For additional information on the above classes, call Tina Jones at 303-794-2647

DENVER AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

"Birding Highlights of Boulder" March 14. Suzi and Myron Plooster lead.

"Hawkwatch on Dinosaur Ridge" April 10. Mitch and Peter Ericson. For information on both of these trips, contact Becky Beckers at 303-766-5266.

FREE WILDLIFE WATCHING SKILLS WORKSHOP BY DOW

Master new outdoor skills through a brand new activity-filled, introductory wildlife viewing skills workshop developed by CDOW. DOW is offering this workshop free of charge to DFO members and friends! The class is recommended for adults and children over 12. The class will be held Sunday, April 18, from 8:30-5:30, at the Chatfield Arboretum. For information, call Norm Lewis at 303-988-5544.

WRAY PRAIRIE-CHICKEN TRIPS

A DFO Great Prairie-Chicken field trip is scheduled for Sunday, April 25 (see field trip schedule). Another option is a CDOW trip to a private lek on Tuesday, April 6, leaving Wray at 4:00 A.M. Cost is \$35 and includes an evening program and transportation to the lek. Trip limited to 20 persons, and pre-registration is required. Contact Carol Twiss at 970-332-4209 (home) after 5 PM weekdays or anytime weekends.

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REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado ~~Rare Bird~~ Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

Because the club has no control over postal delivery dates, our able trip schedulers Jackie King, Patty Echelmeyer and Lynn Willcockson have graciously agreed to help by posting five weeks of schedules in each newsletter whenever possible.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS FEBRUARY 1999

Species	Date(s)	Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
Pacific Loon	2/4 - 2/26	up to 3	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Yellow-billed Loon	2/4 - 2/19	1 imm.	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Tundra Swan	2/7 - 2/25	1 ad.	Great Plains Res.	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, many others
Cinnamon Teal	2/13	2m (early)	On the So. Platte just below Chatfield	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK	2/7	1 ad. male	Great Plains Res.	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Barrow's Goldeneye	2/25	1 male	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
Sora	2/18	1 (early migrant or wintered)	Fort Lyon	Bent Co	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
Sandhill Crane	2/18	3000+	Thurston Res.	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
Franklin's Gull	2/14 - 2/18	1 alternate ad. (early)	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, many others
MEW GULL	2/28	2nd winter	Jim Hamm Park	Boulder	Tina Jones, Tony Leukering, John Vanderpoel
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL	2/7	1 basic ad.	Great Plains Res.	Kiowa	Mark Janos
Glaucous Gull	2/7 - 2/25	up to 2 basic ad.; 1 first basic	Great Plains Res.	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL	2/18 - 2/25	1 basic ad.	Great Plains Res.	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
Long-eared Owl	2/7	1 roadkill	w. of Las Animas	Bent	Mark Janos, Brandon Percival
Long-eared Owl	2/25	3 or more	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
CAROLINA WREN	2/15 - 2/24	1 ad.	Pueblo	Pueblo	Mary Tucey, Brandon Percival, many others
Swamp Sparrow	2/7 - 2/18	up to 2	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, many others
White-throated Sparrow	2/7 - 2/18	up to 2	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, many others
White-throated Sparrow	2/18	1	Lamar Community College grove	Prowers	Todd Dilley
Harris' Sparrow	2/14	1	Barr Lake State Park Visitor Center	Adams	Bob Brown
Lapland Longspur	2/1 - 2/28	many flocks > 100	all over the plains	multiple	many observers

FEBRUARY 1999 SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIP REPORTS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				27 SEC
	6 CCR	7 DRP	13 FEF	14 VDT	20 BCM	21 MFP	27 RMA	28 LMT	2 CAR	9 RRM	16 BCL	23 HGA	
Common Loon		2			1								
Pied-billed Grebe				4	2			1					5
Horned Grebe		34			8			3			1		12
Western Grebe		32											
Clark's Grebe		1											
Am. White Pelican													5
Double-cr. Cormorant													2
Great-blue Heron				3		1						2	36
Blk-cr. Night-Heron												1	
Tundra Swan													1a
Snow Goose													8677
"White morph"													(8647)
"Blue morph"													(30)
Ross' Goose													45
Canada Goose	32	4800	21	1060	700	17	20	2500	135		19	175	423
Wood Duck			14										5
Green-winged Teal	21	1		80			12	14			1	19	54
Mallard	20	276	24	120	60	23	80	22	4	2	15	35	294
Northern Pintail		5		30			6	39				3	253
Cinnamon Teal								1					3
Northern Shoveler	1			110	5			16					18
Gadwall	12		2	220	2		12					9	190
American Wigeon		4	8	100			1	100				8	292
Canvasback				2				2					35
Redhead	13	24		120	90		250	17					181
Ring-necked Duck		4	30	280			125	8					65
Greater Scaup		3											1m, 1f
Lesser Scaup		42		27			25	1					4
Common Goldeneye	70	14	2	268	10		30	7			20	1	93
Barrow's Goldeneye				1m									1m
Bufflehead		1	4	2	5		2	1					74
Hooded Merganser	1			50	2		2						4
Common Merganser	70	8		26	10		40	526			9		59
Red-br. Merganser				9	1			8					31
Ruddy Duck		8											4
Bald Eagle	2	3		4			5	20			1		38
adult				[2a]									[10a]
immature				[2i]									[28i]
Northern Harrier	1	8		1			1	2	1				16
Sharp-shinned Hawk			2					1			1		
Cooper's Hawk	1												1
Red-tailed Hawk	6	13	3	11	2	2	7	3	2	1	4	1	27
western races			(3)		(2)	(2)							
Ferruginous Hawk		1		3							2		2
Rough-legged Hawk	1	6		1			1	2					1
Buteo sp.		6		1		2			1				
Golden Eagle		4		1a			2			1			1i
American Kestrel		16		3	4	2		14	1		2		24
Merlin		1		1									
Prairie Falcon		3								1	1	1	

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Falcon sp.						1							
Ring-necked Pheasant													2
Scaled Quail													40
Virginia Rail	1												36h
Sora													4h
American Coot	20	65	6	42	5		1	150					305
Sandhill Crane													730
Killdeer							6						
Common Snipe				6									1
Ring-billed Gull	500	10	11	44	10	2	30	46			10	18	447
California Gull								3					
Herring Gull	2							1					18
Lesser Blk-Bkd Gull													1a
Glaucous Gull		1											1i
Great Blk-Bkd Gull													1a
Rock Dove	1	150	15	96	10	19	6	23	1	15	17	3	293
Eurasian Collard-Dove													7
Mourning Dove													11
Western Screech-Owl													4h
Great horned Owl			2	2			3		1m,1f		1	-	11
Long-eared Owl							1						
Northern Saw-whet Owl													1h
Belted Kingfisher	1		2	5			1				1	1	1
Downy Woodpecker		1	2	1	2	1	5		2				1
"RockyMtn" race			(2)										
"eastern" races				(1)	(2)								
Hairy Woodpecker													2
Northern Flicker								3					13
"Yellow-sh." race													(1)
"Red-shafted"	8	2	16	4	10		3	(3)	8	5	5	7	(12)
Say's Phoebe		1							1				
Horned Lark		850					13						75
Steller's Jay						12				1			
Blue Jay		2	7										3
Western Scrub-Jay			7			6				10			
Pinyon Jay													6
Black-billed Magpie	12	17	7	47	15	19	60	4	9	6	14	14	32
American Crow	16	42	4	2	10	32	15		7	4	7	11	103
Raven Chihuahuan													1
Common Raven			2		1	2			2	1			2
Black-capped Chickadee	6	2	16	7	14	11	5		10	6	4	6	6
Mountain Chickadee			1			20							8
Juniper Titmouse													3
Bushtit													21
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1							
White-breasted Nuthatch			1			7							
Pygmy Nuthatch						38							
Brown Creeper					2	5			1				

	DFO FIELD TRIP REPORTS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				
FEBRUARY 1999	6	7	13	14	20	21	27	28	2	9	16	23	27
SPECIES	CCR	DRP	FEF	VDT	BCM	MFP	RMA	LMT	CAR	RRM	BCL	HGA	SEC
Canyon Wren			1h			3h				1			1
Bewick's Wren													1
Marsh Wren													1
American Dipper						2				1	2		1
Golden-crowned Kinglet						1							1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet													1
Mountain Bluebird						1							35
Townsend's Solitaire		1				1				1			11
American Robin		5	2	2			3	7		2		1	36
Northern Mockingbird													1
Cedar Waxwing			26									4	108
Northern Shrike		1				1		1	1				
shrike species													1
European Starling	7	360	96	2500	10	120	60	28	12		2	13	2613
Yellow-Rumped Warbler													5
"Myrtle" race													(4)
"Audubon's" race													(1)
Green-tailed Towhee			1										
Spotted Towhee					1								11
American Tree Sparrow	14	4	1	15			50	3	37		8		18
Song Sparrow	6			4	1	3	5	10	1	3	1	6	11
Lincoln's Sparrow													1
White-throated Sparrow													1
White-crowned Sparrow				4			1						46
"Gambel's" race				(4)									
Dark-eyed Junco	1		10	5		28	79		17	11		3	81
"White-winged" race						3							
"Slate-colored" race			(3)	(1)			(4)						
"Oregon" race			(2)	(4)		3	(5)						(70)
"Pink-sided" race			(5)			6	(70)						
"Gray-headed" race						5							(11)
Lapland Longspur													7
Chestnut-coll. Longspur													112
Red-winged Blackbird	13	4042		110			110	60	3			2	8186
Meadowlark Western		4		2			8	9					40
Blackbird Yellow-headed				1									
Brewer's Blackbird				120									6
Common Grackle				1									
Cowbird Brown-headed													7
Cassin's Finch						3m,3f							
House Finch		3	12	8	10	22	25	8	7	5			23
Red Crossbill						6							
Pine Siskin			15			8							4
American Goldfinch	1		13	2	2		1	5	10				43
House Sparrow		20	20	30	5	18	10	8	60			6	81
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	860	####	406	5598	1010	460	1122	3677	335	77	148	350	24,661
TOTAL SPECIES	30	48	36	52	31	33	42	40	25	19	24	25	100

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

APRIL FIELD TRIPS

April 3, Saturday

Northwest Denver Lakes (NDL)

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, (303) 233-4947

Meet leader at 0800 in parking lot at northwest corner of Sloan Lake Park at Sheridan & Byron Place. Northwest Denver lakes including Sloan Lake, Crown Hill Lake, Coors Ponds. Half day trip, lunch optional.

April 4, Sunday

Easter Sunday -- No Trip

April 10, Saturday

Lakes in Longmont Area (LAL)

Leader: Gail Evans, (303) 758-2231

Meet at 0800 at Jim Hamm Park. Take I-25 to exit #240. Go west on CO 119 about 4 miles to Weld CR 1. Go north 2 miles to Jim Hamm Park. Call leader about carpooling. All day trip, bring lunch.

April 11, Sunday

Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR)

Leader: Lynn Solomon, (303) 680-4332.

Meet at 0730 just inside west gate of park. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional.

April 17, Saturday

Chatfield Arboretum (CHA)

Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl, (303) 798-0552

Meet leader at 0730 at gate just west of intersection of S. Wadsworth and Deer Creek Canyon Road. Half day trip.

April 18, Sunday

Walden Ponds & Boulder County (WAP)

Leaders: Mona & Dean Hill, (303) 494-8135

Meet at 0800 at Walden Ponds, Cottonwood Marsh parking area. From U.S. 36 take Foothills Parkway exit, go north past Baseline Reservoir, turn east on Arapahoe. Continue east to 75th, then turn north. Pass Valmont and watch for

Walden Ponds sign. Go left to main parking lot. Half day, lunch optional.

April 24, Saturday

Lower Latham Reservoir (LLR)

Leader: David Laliberte, (303) 297-1390

Meet at 0730 at Denver Museum of Natural History at east end of north parking lot. Should be a good trip for migrating shorebirds. Will also bird other Weld County reservoirs and lakes. Full day, bring lunch.

April 25, Sunday

White Ranch Park (Golden) (WRP)

Leader: Randy Lentz, (303) 680-3381

Meet leader at 0700 at lower White Ranch parking lot. Take Hwy. 93 north from Golden to 56th Ave. then turn west just over one mile to end of 56th at Pine Ridge Rd. Turn right into parking lot. Steep hike. Possible displaying Blue Grouse. Bring water, snacks. Trip ends at noon.

April 25, Sunday

Wray area, Bonny SRA (WRA)

Leader: Karleen Schofield, (303) 936-8661

Wray area for Greater Prairie Chickens. Must register with leader. Limited access (four vehicles) to lek. Meet leader at 0600 to carpool from Division of Wildlife, 6060 Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th Ave., go one block west to Broadway, then north two blocks to DOW on right. Will bird Bonny in the morning, then visit private lek north of Wray in late afternoon. Home by 9PM. 1 ½ - 2 miles walking. Bring lunch, supper and water. Also C.B. or walkie-talkies if you have them.

Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer



THE LARK BUNTING

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 7

**Program: "Identification and Behavior of Colorado Hummingbirds,
(known and lesser known) and a bit on Hummer Gardening"**

Speaker: Tina Jones

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 303-424-2144

DFO Home Page: members.aol.com/dfobirders

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY MARCH 1999

March 6, Saturday (PUE)

Pueblo Area

Leader: Dave Silverman.

0900-1600, 1.0 miles by car. 0.5 miles on foot. Cloudy to partly cloudy, wind e 0-17 mph, 32-41°F; Riparian, lakes, ponds, city park. Observers: Bob Bierling, Tammy Ferriera, Bob Frager, Glenn Hageman, Paul Hurtado, Tina Jones, Dave Johnson, Brandon Percival, Ira Sanders, Karlene Schofield, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Mark Yaeger, Amy Young.
60 Species, 1132 Individuals.

March 7, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Mort Staatz.

0800-1230, 0.5 miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot. Clear, sunny, wind 0 mph; Riparian. Observers: Peggy Gonder, Carol Haskell, Daryl Havener, Martha Havener, Regina Reynolds, Peter Spanberger, Barbara Thomas
25 Species, 547 Individuals.

March 13, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek SRA.

Leader: Dave Quesenberry.

0800-1200, 4.0 miles by car. 0.8 miles on foot. Clear, wind 0 mph, 30-42°F, riparian, lake; Observers: Ursula Barsch, Buzz Schaumberg.
38 Species, 1679 Individuals.

March 14, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield Reservoir/State Park

Leaders: Lea Ann Brown, Bob Brown.

0730-1130, 14.0 miles by car. 3.5 miles on foot. Mostly clear, wind sw 2-10 mph, 35-55°F; Streamside, riparian, reservoir, open water, roadside brush. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Dennis Fischer, Letty Fischer, Jack Greve, Beverly Guild, Lynne Jordon, Larry Modesitt, Diana Mullineaux, Regina Reynolds, Barbara Shissler, Frank Shizzler, Peter Spanberger, Mort Staatz, Cindy Valentine, Ellie Walker.
27 Species, 225 Individuals.

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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March 20, Saturday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado

Leader: Jackie King.

0630-1530, 196.0 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot. Clear & sunny, wind nw 5-8 mph, 35-68°F; Riparian & plains; Elev-5280'.

Observers: Richard Mendez, Dave O'Reilly.

53 Species, 1711 Individuals.

March 21, Sunday (RPP)

Rawhide Power Plant

Leaders: Dr. Ronald Ryder and Alex Cringan.

0830-1500, 61.0 miles by car. 0.5 miles on foot. Clear and sunny, wind w-nw 0-15 mph, 32-65°F; shortgrass, farmland, urban, riparian, open waters; Elev.- 4800'-5100'.

Observers: Tammy Ferreira, Bob Grager, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Ira Sanders, Karleen Schofield, Mort Staatz, Robert Wyands (Germany)

45 Species, 1134 Individuals.

March 27, Saturday (CRW)

Canon City Riverwalk

Leader: David Pantle.

0915-1515, 40.0 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot. Clear, wind w 2 mph, 45-70°F; Pinyon-Juniper, Riparian; Elev-5,300'. Observers: Marlene Andrews, Bob Bierling, Tammy Ferreira, Warren Finch, Bob Frager, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, George Mckinnon, Seetta Moss, Charlotte Ossman, Brandon Percival, Ira Sanders, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Chuck Walters, Dexter Williams, Helen Williams, Amy Young.

51 Species, 368 Individuals.

March 28, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler.

0700-1200, 0 miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot. Mostly clear, wind n 0-10 mph, 40-60°F; Plains reservoir & associated riparian. Observers: Dennis Fischer, Letty Fischer, Regina Reynolds, Barbara Shissler, Cindy Valentine.

44 Species, 1652 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

March 2, Tuesday (WGB)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.

Leader Ann Bonnell. 37 Observers.
0900-1200; 0 miles by car, 3.0 miles
on foot (two groups); Cloudy; 34°F;
wind n 3-8 mph; Lakes, riparian,
cattails; Elev. 5386.
39 Species, 1051 Individuals.

March 9, Tuesday (MFP)

Mt. Falcon Jeffco Open Space Park.

Leader Ann Bonnell. 24 Observers.
0900 -1200. 0 miles by car, 1.5 miles
on foot; Mostly sunny; 60°F; wind
light breeze; Foothills, conifers & open
meadows; Elev. 7750'-7859'.
18 Species, 90 Individuals.

March 16, Tuesday (ROX)

Roxborough SP

Leader Ann Bonnell. 44 Observers.
0900 -1200; 2.0 miles by car, 9.0 miles
on foot (4 groups); Sunny; 45-72°F;
wind variable 0-5 mph; Transition zone,
riparian, pine-oak scrub, rock outcrop;
Elev. 6200'-6550'.
25 Species, 235 Individuals.

March 23, Tuesday (LOB)

Lair O'the Bear.

Leader Ann Bonnell. 37 Observers.
09:00 -1200; 0 miles by car, 5.0 miles
on foot (3 groups); Sunny; 48-58°F;
wind se 0-8 mph; Riparian, conifers;
Elev. 6530'. 19 Species, 130 Individuals.

March 30, Tuesday (BSP)

*Barr Lake SP, Lochbuie & Horse Creek
Reservoir.*

Leader Nelda Gamble. 32 Observers.
08:00-12:00; 41.5 miles by car, 0 miles
on foot; Mostly cloudy, 58-75°F; wind
sw 10-25 mph; Reservoir, deciduous,
prairie, agricultural; Elev. 5100'.
36 Species. 607 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (compiler)

WRAY PRAIRIE-CHICKEN TRIPS

A DFO Greater Prairie-Chicken field trip is
scheduled for Sunday, April 25 (see field trip
schedule). Another option is a CDOW trip to a
private lek on Tuesday, April 6, leaving Wray at
4:00 A.M. Cost is \$35 and includes an evening
program and transportation to the lek. Trip
limited to 20 persons, and pre-registration is
required. Contact Carol Twiss at 970-332-4209
(home) after 5 PM weekdays or anytime
weekends.

AUDUBON CLASS

"View Bird Nests and Chicks in the Wild- Plus
Snipe Hunting and Bird Courtship Behavior"
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REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

Because the club has no control over postal delivery dates, our able trip schedulers Jackie King, Patty Echelmeyer and Lynn Willcockson have graciously agreed to help by posting five weeks of schedules in each newsletter whenever possible.

SUMMARY OF 1998 DFO FIELD ACTIVITY

The Denver Field Ornithologists had another busy year of fieldwork in 1998. Special thanks go to Patty Echelmeyer, Jackie King, and Lynn Willcockson for arranging over 100 field trips for DFO members and guests. Hugh Kingery and Dick Schottler were responsible for January 1, spring, fall, and Christmas counts - a big job, too.

Thanks also to our many volunteer leaders and members who participated in the outings.

The following data has been gleaned from *The Lark Bunting* and includes information on the DFO field trips and May, September, and December counts.

102 DFO field trips plus 38 count trips resulted in 140 club outings in 1998. The January 1 Denver Urban Count had 15 additional trips (see February 1998 newsletter for report). Members birded 826 hours, drove 5602 miles while birding, and walked 255 miles to find the 195,191 individual birds seen or heard on the field trips. 278 species were identified. Sightings of 101

additional species were submitted to the newsletter's "Additional Reports."

55 members served as leaders throughout the year; David Laliberte led the most -- 8 trips/counts. Other members leading 4 or more trips include Warren Finch, Kathy Hawkins, Ed Holub, Joey Kellner, Jackie King, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Dave Quesenberry, Ira Sanders, Karleen Schofield, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, and Lynn Willcockson. A number of members volunteer for other organizations or groups as well. Ann Bonnell, for one, led 39 trips last year for the Tuesday Birders, who were in the field 44 times. Their data also appear in *The Lark Bunting* each month.

NOTE: Some 1997 comparisons are 117 DFO trips, 975 birded hours, 9944 miles driven, 258 miles walked, 74 trip leaders; 301 species were found on DFO field trips/counts with 90 additional species appearing in the 1997 newsletters. The full 1997 report is printed in the March 1998 issue.

All members, beginners as well as advanced, are encouraged to participate in club field outings. Trip data help us gain important knowledge about subtle as well as dramatic changes in avian populations, ranges, and migratory dates and patterns. Meeting other birders and improving birding skills are additional advantages. Come join the fun!

Compiled by Karleen Schofield
Coordinator for Field Trip Schedulers

ADDITIONAL REPORTS MARCH 1999

Species	Date(s)	Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
Yellow-billed Loon	3/3 - 3/18	1 immature	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Greater White-fronted Goose	3/14	16!	Little Jumbo Reservoir	Logan	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi, Karleen Schofield, Marlene Eggerling, Dave Quesenberry, Ric Olson
Greater White-fronted Goose	3/14	5	Jumbo Reservoir	Sedgwick	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi, Karleen Schofield, Marlene Eggerling, Dave Quesenberry, Ric Olson
Oldsquaw	3/16	1 male	88th Ave & Dahlia St.	Adams	Karleen Schofield
Mew Gull	3/26	1 (2nd basic)	Jim Hamm Pond	Boulder	Brandon Percival, Bill Maynard
Great Black-backed Gull	3/2 - 3/12	1 (2nd basic)	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Northern Pygmy-Owl	3/26	2 seen	Poudre Canyon	Larimer	Brandon Percival, Bill Maynard, Rachel Kolokoff, Stephen J. Dinsmore
Boreal Owl	3/26	1 seen	Cameron Pass	Jackson	Brandon Percival, Bill Maynard, Rachel Kolokoff, Stephen J. Dinsmore
Northern Saw-whet Owl	3/16	1 calling	Near Apex Trail	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Tammy Ferreira, Norm Lewis, Ira Sanders, Dick Schottler
Northern Saw-whet Owl	3/26	1 heard only	Cameron Pass	Jackson	Brandon Percival, Bill Maynard, Rachel Kolokoff, Stephen J. Dinsmore
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3/5	1 male	Timpas Creek SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
Bushtit	3/19	8	Dakota Hogback Trail	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Sedge Wren	3/23	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3/19	2 (1f, 1m singing)	Dakota Hogback Trail	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Black-throated Sparrow	3/25	1 singing	South of La Junta	Otero	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley

MARCH 1999 SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				
	6 PUE	7 WRG	13 CCR	14 CSP	20 NEC	21 RPP	27 CRW	28 BAR	2 WGB	9 MFP	16 ROX	23 LOB	30 BSP
Pied-billed Grebe	3					1	1	1					
Horned Grebe			100	5		14		1					
Eared Grebe					4								
Western Grebe						5							
American White Pelican								1					4
Double-crested Cormorant					2								25
Great-blue Heron	1			9	2	3		2					14
Blk-cr Night-Heron					1								1
Snow Goose	2												1
"White morph"	(2)												(1)
"Blue morph"													
Canada Goose	28	150	300	30	70	100	12	18	175			4	6
Wood Duck	12												
Green-winged Teal	2	10	200		30	19	4	1					8
Mallard	24	25	50	8	100	40	10	50	110		25	20	8
Northern Pintail					2	9		8	30				
Cinnamon Teal			1		8	4	3						10
Northern Shoveler	8	120	30		20	16	4	90	150				
Gadwall	17	4	20	2	27	180	6	105	68		5		140
American Wigeon	58	15	5		12	10	15		12				
Canvasback	4					2	1	2					
Redhead			13		3	26	4	45			16		2
Ring-necked Duck	4	10			150	4	15		8				
Greater Scaup	2					2			1				
Lesser Scaup	26					250	2	100	5				4
Common Goldeneye	11	14	10	8	1	9	1	40	10				
Bufflehead	44			4	1	4		32					4
Hooded Merganser	6	3					4		1				
Common Merganser	1		20	15		12	1				25		
Red-breasted Merganser		3											
Ruddy Duck			10			2		9					
Bald Eagle	2	1	2		21	4		1		1			11
adult			(1)					(1)					[5]
immature			(1)										[6 juv.]
Northern Harrier			2			3		1					4
Sharp-shinned Hawk				2	2								
Swainson's Hawk					1								
Red-tailed Hawk	4		6	1	6	4	2		1	1	2	1	4
western races							(2)						
Ferruginous Hawk					1								
Rough-legged Hawk						3							
Buteo sp.									1				
Golden Eagle					3	2				1			
American Kestrel	1			1	12	10	8	6					7
Prairie Falcon											1		
Ring-necked Pheasant					1			2h					
Scaled Quail	12												

MARCH 1999 SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				
	6	7	13	14	20	21	27	28	2	9	16	23	30
	PUE	WRG	CCR	CSP	NEC	RPP	CRW	BAR	WRG	MFP	ROX	LOB	BAR
Virginia Rail			2										
American Coot	80	15	50			70	80	500	43				
Killdeer			3		1	10	6	1					9
Lesser Yellowlegs						1							
Common Snipe							1						
Ring-billed Gull	42	75	500	12	525	15			40				1
California Gull			3		5								
Herring Gull			50		3								
Gull sp.											1		1
Rock Dove	40	3	8		25	20	30		9				85
Mourning Dove	2						10	2					
Greater Roadrunner							1						
Eastern Screech-Owl					1								
Great horned Owl			1		1								1
Long-eared Owl					2								
Burrowing Owl													1
White-throated Swift							1						
Belted Kingfisher	1	1	1	1	2	1	1		1				
Downy Woodpecker "eastern" races	2	1		1	3		1	5 (5)	5		2	4	
Hairy Woodpecker					2					1			
No. Flicker "Red-shafted"	17	20	15	5	11	1	6	4	19	2	9	4	6
Horned Lark					24	13							20
Steller's Jay										5		6	
Blue Jay	16				7			1	5		5		
Western Scrub-Jay							6				26		
Black-billed Magpie	22	10	40	10	30	3	8	23	30	1	1		12
American Crow	31	8	3	2	3	1	1	6	8	2	10	1	3
Common Raven							2			1	5		
Black-capped Chickadee	20	6	6	24	28		5	8	24		21	26	1
Mountain Chickadee										21		1	
Bushtit	10												
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4									8	1	8	
White-breasted Nuthatch	2			2					1	3		3	
Pygmy Nuthatch										25			
Brown Creeper	3								1	5			
Rock Wren							1						
Canyon Wren							3				4	1	
Bewick's Wren	6						1						
American Dipper												6	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4							1					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1						1		1				
Mountain Bluebird	2			24			2						
Townsend's Solitaire	10					1	5			5			
American Robin	47	7	10	6	84	8	6	35	4			16	
Cedar Waxwing	7				10								

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	6 PUE	7 WRG	13 CCR	14 CSP	20 NEC	21 RPP	27 CRW	28 BAR	2 WRG	9 MFP	16 ROX	23 LOB	30 BAR
Northern Shrike										1			
Loggerhead Shrike	1												
European Starling	38	20	50	20	125	20	20	250	75				110
Yellow-Rumped Warbler	24												
"Myrtle" race	(4)												
"Audubon's" race	(1)												
Northern Cardinal									1				
Spotted Towhee	3						2		6		37	2	
Canyon Towhee							4						
American Tree Sparrow			14	2				3	6		1		
Brewer's Sparrow	2												
Vesper Sparrow													1
Song Sparrow	12	9	10	3	3	2	2	12	5		1	7	
White-throated Sparrow									1				
White-crowned Sparrow	75						2	11	4				1
"Gambel's" race	(75)						(2)						
Harris' Sparrow	3							1					
Dark-eyed Junco	80		2		30		4	34	25	2	32	16	1
"White-winged" race	(1)												
"Slate-colored" race	(3)				(5)			(1)			(1)		
"Oregon" race	(4)				(25)			(8)					
"Pink-sided" race	(60)						(4)	(25)			(1)		
"Gray-headed" race	(2)												
Sparrow sp.											1		
Red-winged Blackbird	45	2	100	20	125	200	30	175	75				50
Meadowlark Western	1		20	5	68	14		27			2		15
Blackbird Yellow-headed					8	1		1					
Rusty Blackbird	5												
Brewer's Blackbird								10					
Common Grackle					25		3	4					4
House Finch	28		1	3	10		8	6	21		1	3	2
Pine Siskin	4						2			5		1	
American Goldfinch	90		1		5		10		4		1		
House Sparrow	80	15	20		25	15	10	17	65				30
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1132	547	1679	225	1711	1134	368	1652	1051	90	235	130	607
TOTAL SPECIES	60	25	38	27	53	45	51	44	39	18	25	19	36

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

MAY FIELD TRIPS

May 1, Saturday

Flatirons Vista Trail & Mesa Trail, Boulder (FVT)

Leader: Karleen Schofield, (303) 936-8661

Meet leader at 0630 at the northeast corner of W. 4th and Union RTD Park 'n Ride. Walk 3+ miles with some elevation gain. Will look for foothills nesters. Full day trip, bring lunch and water. Car shuttle is required.

May 2, Sunday

Longmont area to include Union Reservoir (LMT)

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez,
(303) 772-6048

Meet at 0700 at Jim Hamm Nature Center. From I-25 take exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder/Weld County Line Road, then two miles north to park on left at Hygiene Road. Especially good trip for novice birders and new members. Three quarter day trip. Bring lunch.

May 3, Monday

Lower Latham Resv., Bebee Draw, Timothy Resv., Windsor (LLR)

Leader: Tina Jones, (303) 794-2647

Meet at 0700 at Denver Museum of Natural History. Migrating shorebirds and songbirds. Trip will include a stop on the north side of Pawnee to look for longspurs. Full day trip, bring lunch and water.

May 8 and 9, Saturday and Sunday

SPRING COUNTS - PLEASE JOIN US AND HELP!

May 14 and 15, Friday and Saturday

Pawnee National Grassland Overnight (PNG)

Leader: Gail Evans, (303) 758-2231

Call leader to reserve camping spot. The number of spaces reserved for DFO is limited. Meet leader early Friday evening at Crow Valley Campground on Weld CR 77, 1.25 miles northwest of Briggsdale. Bird the campground

until dark and then bird the grasslands on Saturday. Bring camping gear, food, and a full tank of gas. Leader requests that nobody trigger their car alarms in campground! Or meet group at 0600 on Saturday at the campground.

May 16, Sunday

Colorado Springs area to include Colorado Springs SWA, Hannah Ranch, Big Johnson Reservoir (COS)

Leader: David Laliberte, (303) 297-1390

Meet at 0600 in Denver Museum of Natural History parking lot. Be prepared for a full day arriving back at the museum after sunset. Hope to see migrant warblers, raptors, Curve-billed Thrasher, Green Heron and rails. Bring lunch and water.

May 18-20, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday **Bonny Reservoir Area (BNR)**

Leader: Brandon Percival, (719) 547-3722

Meet leader at Wagon Wheel Campground on the south side of Bonny Resv. either Tuesday evening (May 18) at 1700 or Wednesday (May 19) or Thursday (May 20) mornings at 0800. Come for any part of the trip. We will bird the entire area during the trip and look for eastern migrants and rarer breeding species such as Bell's Vireo, Baltimore Oriole, Eastern Screech-Owl, Red-bellied Woodpecker among others. Bring food for breakfast, lunch and dinner if camping. (Drinks and water also.) Motels available in Idalia or Burlington or camp in the various campgrounds at Bonny. Primitive camping facilities at Hale and Hale Ponds SWA. State Parks pass required.

May 22, Saturday

Rigli Ranch (RIR)

Leader: Joe Rigli, (970) 432-5200

Local trip coordinators, Harold and Betty Oliver, (303) 936-6902 will arrange carpooling. Call if you are going. Meet Harold and Betty at 0630 at the Denver Museum of Natural History or join group at the Pepper Pod Restaurant in Hudson (turn right from exit ramp). Meet leader at ranch. From Hudson, go east on CO 52 until

it turns north. Don't turn north but continue east on Morgan County Rd. F to CR 14, then turn north about one mile to first house on left by boxcars. Bring lunch and water.

May 23, Sunday

Wheatridge Greenbelt (WGB)

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, (303) 233-4947

Meet leader at 0800 at Prospect Park Lake, south of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb Street. Half day trip, lunch optional. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

May 29, 30 & 31, Saturday-Monday

Southeastern Colorado (SEC)

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 287-1644

Meet leader at 0700 at the Denver Museum of Natural History. We will bird many areas in the Lower Arkansas River Valley making several stops mentioned in the Holt-Lane guide and we will also rely on the shared knowledge of the group. Four wheel drive or high clearance vehicles are recommended. Please call leader to arrange carpooling. Bring lunch for all three days. Sunday and Monday breakfast will be at restaurants. State Parks pass required. Spend Saturday and Sunday night at motels, contact leader for information. We plan to return to Denver by 1800 Monday evening.

May 29, Saturday

Stapleton Braille Trail near Chief Hosa (SBT)

Leader: Doris Cruze, (303) 798-8072

Meet at 0730 at the Park 'n Ride at Wadsworth and Hampden Ave. (Hwy. 285). This trail has been restored as an interpretive trail for the normally sighted, visually impaired and blind. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members. Bring lunch. Group may go to Chief Hosa after lunch.

May 30, Sunday

Two Ponds NWR and Standley Lake (TWP)

Leader: David Rhoades, (303) 424-8633

Meet at 0800 at the northwest corner of the Target parking lot on the southwest corner of W. 80th and N. Wadsworth Blvd. Half day trip,

lunch optional. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

May 31, Monday

Louviers Southwest Suburban including Highline Canal, McClellan Resv., Plum Creek, and Daniels Park (SWS)

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, (303) 757-7000

Meet leader at 0700 in the south section of Albertson's parking lot at S. Broadway and County Line Road. Trip includes excellent habitat diversity with numerous species possible. Full day trip, bring lunch and water

BRANDON'S BONUS BIRDING TRIP

May 3-6 Monday evening to Thursday Southeastern Colorado

Leader: Brandon Percival, 719-547-3722

Meet leader at Lamar Community College, in the parking lot on the north end at 0900 am on Tuesday morning May 4, or at 0800 am Wednesday (May 5) and Thursday (May 6) at this location. The leader will be camping at Two Buttes Reservoir each night, including Monday (May 3), so you can meet the leader at 1700 (5pm), on Monday May 3, below Two Buttes Reservoir Dam. The trip will bird Two Buttes Reservoir, Lamar area, Hasty Campground, Fort Lyon, and the Great Plains Reservoirs on Tuesday to Thursday (birding from 8am to 5pm each day). The trip will end at Lake Henry about 5pm on Thursday. We will look for migrant land birds, shorebirds, and water birds. We will try to find breeding species like Mississippi Kite, Black Rail, and Great Crested Flycatcher, among others. There are several motels in Lamar for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights, or you can camp at Two Buttes Reservoir where the leader will be camping. There are several restaurants in Lamar for breakfast and dinner on your own. Though, we will eat lunch as a group each day. So, bring food for lunches and bring drinks, and plenty of water. Also, bring waterproof boots, bug repellent, and sun screen.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 1

Program: To be announced

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

Colorado Rare Bird Alert – 303-424-2144

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY APRIL 1999

April 3, Saturday (NDL)
***Northwest Denver Lakes- Sloans, Crown Hill,
& Prospect Lakes***

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer.
0800-1400; 13.0 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. Overcast to partly sunny, wind N 5-10 mph, 25-45°F; Lakes, suburban, riparian, creek; Elev.- 5,280'+; Observer: Tamie Bulow.
40 Species, 715 Individuals.

April 4, Sunday
Easter Sunday -- No Trip

April 10, Saturday (LAL)
Lakes in Longmont Area
Leader: Gail Evans.
0800-1500; 40.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. Partly cloudy, very windy W 20-60 mph, 45-58°F; lakes, riparian, farmland; Elev.-5,500'.
Observers: Richard Mendez, Chris Owens.
60 Species, 1648 Individuals.

April 11, Sunday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir
Leader: Lynn Solomon.
0730-1230; 40.0 miles by car, 1.75 on foot. Clear & Sunny, wind NW 1-3 mph, 45-50°F; Reservoir, Riparian, Grassland; Elev.- 5,200'

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Don Beltz, Dennis Fischer, Letty Fischer, Jeff Herzog, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Barbara Shissler, Frank Shissler.
45 Species, 1,037 Individuals.

April 17, Saturday (CHA)
Chatfield Arboretum
Leader: Ann Bonnell.
0730-1200; 0.25 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. Clear with ground fog to clear, wind SW 1-5 mph, 20-50°F, Snow cover: 6".
Agricultural, riparian; Elev.- 5,500'. Observers: Jeff Herzog, Ann Southcott, Jeff Zabler, Maureen Zabler.
32 Species, 371 Individuals.

April 18, Sunday (WAP)
Walden Ponds & Boulder County – Sombrero Ponds, Baseline Reservoir
Leader: Mona & Dean Hill, Bill Prather.
0800-1500; 5.0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. Clear, breezy, 50-65°F; Woods, reservoir, cattail marsh; Elev.- 5,400'.
Observers: Dennis Fischer, Letty Fischer, Beverly Guild, Connie Huyck, Richard Mendez, Mona Reed, Lynn Solomon, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen.
61 Species, 619 Individuals.

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April 24, Saturday (LLR)

Lower Latham Reservoir, Ireland & Prospect Reservoir, Barr Lake

Leader: David Laliberte.

0730-1800, 149.0 miles by car. 0.25 miles on foot. Partly Cloudy to overcast, dry, no snow cover, wind SE to SSE 7-12 mph, 30-47°F; Roadsides, fields, ditches, marshy areas, reservoirs, feeders.

Observers: Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Mona Reed, Robert Spencer
79 Species, 1094 Individuals.

April 25, Sunday (WRP)

White Ranch Park (Golden)

Canceled due to inclement weather.

April 25, Sunday

Wray area, Barr Lake SP, Jackson SP.

Leader: Karleen Schofield.

0630-2215, 405.0 miles by car. 1.2 miles on foot. Rain, snow, sleet, partly cloudy; wind NNE 0-8 mph, 31-56°F; Riparian, grassland, reservoir, cultivated cropland; Elev.- 3,500-5,200'. Observers: Warren Finch, Bob Frager, Peggy Gonder, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, J.B. Hayes, Bob Spencer.
85 Species, 2342 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

April 6, Tuesday (DRH)

Dinosaur Ridge hawk watch, Matthew Winters Park & Red Rocks Park.

Leaders: Nelda Gamble & Else Van Erp.
0900-1200; 5.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. Clear, wind W 0-7 mph, 46-57°F; Riparian, transitional zone-juniper & pine; shrubland, city park; Elev.- 6,000-6,400'. Observers: 35 (2 groups). 26 Species, 112 Individuals.

April 13, Tuesday (BCG)

Bear Creek Greenbelt- stone house

Leader: Ann Bonnell.

0900-1200; 0.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. Mostly sunny, wind E 5-10 mph, 53-59°F; Riparian, grassy meadows; Elev.- 5,300'. Observers: 30 (2 groups).

33 Species, 315 Individuals.

April 20, Tuesday (BCL)

Bear Creek Lake Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell.

0900-1200; 9.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. Mostly cloudy to sunny; wind SW 0-8 mph, 56-69°F; Reservoir, riparian, open fields; Elev.- 5,800'. Observers: 45.

37 Species, 207 Individuals.

April 27, Tuesday (CHF)

Chatfield Arboretum.

Leader: Ann Bonnell.

0900-1200; 0.0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. Overcast, wind SW 0-6 mph, 42-70°F; Riparian, cattails, juniper & open fields; Elev.- 5,500'. Observers: 31 (4 groups).

34 Species, 334 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (compiler)

**ELECTION RESULTS/
VICE PRESIDENT CRITICALLY NEEDED**

Here are the results of the officer elections at the May membership meeting.

President:	Dave (Q) Quesenberry
Vice President:	OPEN
Treasurer:	Glenn Hageman
Secretary:	Toni Rautus
Director:	Ric Olson
	Bob Bierling

Without a Vice President we will not be able to continue the regular monthly membership meetings. If anyone would like to volunteer to be Vice President please call Dave Quesenberry at 303 796-7603. The position involves arranging speakers for the meetings, writing about two or three letters a month, and coming early to the meetings to set up the room. There is an

extensive notebook with details on what is required. In addition the former Vice President will assist the new Vice President in becoming familiar with the duties. One of the great things about DFO is that it is run entirely by volunteers. Hopefully someone will step up to continue this tradition.

ALAN HAY LIBRARY

As we are all aware, respected DFO member Alan Hay passed away late in 1998. He left his 140 volume ornithological library to DFO, the disposition to be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Board has decided to sell the collection, with all proceeds going to the Educational Endowment Fund in memory of Alan. Some of these books will be offered to the membership from time to time, on a bid basis. Written bids should be submitted to DFO Treasurer Glenn Hageman at 448 S. Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224. The bidding will close at the end of May, 1999.

A list of the books currently available for bids is posted elsewhere in the *Lark Bunting*.

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RARE BIRD ALERT NOTIFICATIONS

In order to get the word out as quickly as possible for exceptional finds Norm Erthal, the voice of Colorado's excellent rare bird alert, suggests that birders call him at home and at work. For **very rare** species, especially first state records call Norm at home (303 291-7401) during reasonable hours or at work (303 291-7401). Also, if you are interested in receiving an email copy of the rare bird alert when Norm sends it to Cobirds please send your email address to Norm at norm.erthal@state.co.us.

ALAN HAY LIBRARY

BOOKS TO BE AUCTIONED IN MAY 1999

Purchasing these books will enhance your library and increase the Educational Endowment Fund in memory of Alan.

Life Histories of North American Birds, by Arthur Cleveland Bent

Consists of fourteen volumes published by the U.S. National Museum (Smithsonian) 1937-1968 in good condition, and,

Eight volumes published by Dover Publications 1962-1986 in very good condition (one volume with two parts is bound as one).

This item is available only as a full set with a minimum bid of \$250.

Identification Guide Series (all in very good condition):

<i>Seabirds</i>	Peter Harrison	1983
<i>Shorebirds</i>	Hayman, et al	1986
<i>Sparrows & Buntings</i>	Byer, et al	1995
<i>Warblers of the Americas</i>	Curson, et al	1994
<i>Waterfowl</i>	Madge & Burn	1988

As previously mentioned, these books will be auctioned by sealed bid. Bids should be sent to Glenn Hageman.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS APRIL 1999

Species	Date(s)	Number Seen	Location	County	Observers
Pacific Loon	4/25	1 basic plumage	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, J.B. Hayes
Common Loon	4/3	2ad	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Glossy Ibis	4/26 - 4/27	Up to 2	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob & Lea Ann Brown, Joey Kellner, m.ob.
Trumpeter Swan	4/6	1 immature	So. Boulder Creek Trail	Boulder	Karleen Schofield, Jerry Weinberger (W. Virginia)
Osprey	4/22	1	SW of Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Tony Leukering, Nelda Gamble
Osprey	4/26	1	Silverthorne	Summit	Sue Bonfield
Broad-winged Hawk	4/24 - 4/28	1	Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Broad-winged Hawk	4/25	1 immature	Roxborough State Park	Douglas	Bob Brown
Broad-winged Hawk	4/26	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Red-tailed Hawk (Harlan's)	4/20	1 ad. dark-morph	Dinosaur Ridge	Jefferson	Jerry Liguori, Jeff Schultz
Merlin	4/19	6	Dinosaur Ridge	Jefferson	Jerry Liguori, m.ob.
Merlin	4/20	6	Dinosaur Ridge	Jefferson	Jerry Liguori, m.ob.
Merlin	4/22	1 ad. male	NE of Springfield	Baca	Tony Leukering, Nelda Gamble, m.ob.
Peregrine Falcon	4/29 - 4/30	1 adult	South of Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Tina Jones, m.ob.
Black-necked Stilt	4/29	4	South of Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Tina Jones, m.ob.
Whimbrel	4/29	2	Piccadilly Rd about 3/4 mile east of 152 Ave.	Adams	Tina Jones
White-winged Dove	4/9	1	Springfield	Baca	Glenn & Jeane Hageman
Eurasian Collared-Dove	4/1 - 4/23	10	Springfield	Baca	Doug & Ita Svingen, m.ob.
Eurasian Collared-Dove	4/14	2	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Karleen Schofield, B.B. Hahn, Carol Fredericks
Greater Roadrunner	4/1	1	East of Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Todd Dille
Barn Owl	4/26	2	Barr Lake SP	Adams	Doug Faulkner, Tony Leukering, Nelda Gamble
Short-eared Owl	4/30	1 flying	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner
Least Flycatcher	4/27	1	Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga, Peter Gaede
Ash-throated Flycatcher	4/11	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Myiarchus species	4/26	1	Barr Lake SP	Adams	Nelda Gamble
SEDGE WREN	4/4	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
WOOD THRUSH	4/20	1ad	Fort Lyon	Bent	Todd Dille
Nashville Warbler	4/28	1	Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Nashville Warbler	4/28	1	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Northern Parula	4/17	1f	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Peter Gent
Northern Parula	4/20	1m	Fort Lyon	Bent	Todd Dille
Northern Parula	4/24	1m	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Northern Parula	4/28	1m	Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Northern Parula	4/28 - 4/29	1m	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Black-throated Gray Warbler	4/24 - 4/27	1f	Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi, m.ob.
HERMIT WARBLER	4/24 - 4/25	1 male	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi, Dave Silverman
Blackpoll Warbler	4/30	1 male	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner
Black-and-white Warbler	4/16 - 4/18	1ym	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Black-and-white Warbler	4/20	1f	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Todd Dille
Black-and-white Warbler	4/28	1	Ken Caryl Ranch	Jefferson	Dave Shaw
WORM-EATING WARBLER	4/20 - 4/28	2ad	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Todd Dille, m.ob.
WORM-EATING WARBLER	4/24 - 4/27	2ad	Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Hooded Warbler	4/23 - 4/24	1f	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga, m.ob.
Hooded Warbler	4/24 - 4/25	1m	Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Hooded Warbler	4/24 - 4/26	1 male	Barr Lake SP	Adams	Karleen Schofield, Tony Leukering, Tina Jones, m.ob.
Hooded Warbler	4/25	1 female	Barr Lake SP	Adams	Todd Dille
Hooded Warbler	4/30	1 male	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner
Northern Cardinal	4/6	1m	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Brandon Percival
Fox Sparrow (Rockies form)	4/26	1	Barr Lake SP	Adams	Doug Faulkner, Tony Leukering, Nelda Gamble, Sue Bonfield
Harris's Sparrow	4/1 - 4/26	1	Barr Lake SP	Adams	Tony Leukering, Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
McCown's Longspur	4/15	1	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown

DFO FIELD TRIP REPORTS	DFO FIELD TRIPS							TUESDAY BIRDERS			
APRIL 1999	3	10	11	17	18	24	25	6	13	20	27
SPECIES	NDL	LAL	CCR	CHA	WAP	LLR	WRA	DRH	BCG	BCL	CHF
Pied-billed Grebe	1	2	1		4	3	1		1	1	1
Horned Grebe		2	80			6					
Eared Grebe	5	2				1	1				
Western Grebe		45	80			110	50				
Clark's Grebe		4				1					
American White Pelican			8			35	48				
Double-crested Cormorant	1	6		1		13	30		2	3	
American Bittern					1						
Great-blue Heron		9	1	3	7	4	7		1	1	1
Great Egret					1		2				
Snowy Egret					1		1				
Black-crowned Night-Heron	5		6				2			1	1
White-faced Ibis			5		4	84	21				
Canada Goose	55	43	40	6	58	9	18		15	8	16
"Cackling Goose"				(1)							1
Wood Duck		1									
Green-winged Teal	4	45	45		28	6	46		2		
Mallard	70	60	80	14	55	30	48	1	40	23	32
Northern Pintail		1			2	8	4				
Blue-winged Teal			4		6	12	68				3
Cinnamon Teal		2	5		9	29	2				2
Northern Shoveler	75	40	35		7	15	94				
Gadwall	12	18	6		47	60	100				1
American Wigeon	16	15			18	2	7		4		
Redhead		11			3	2					
Ring-necked Duck	1	35	2		63	4	1			6	
Lesser Scaup	20	58			3	8	14			2	
Common Goldeneye	9		12		2				1		
Bufflehead		14			6		1				
Hooded Merganser	2										
Common Merganser	2	2		2							
Red-breasted Merganser	3					2					
Ruddy Duck	3					9				8	
Turkey Vulture		5			4		1		1	1	
Osprey		2	1		3			2			
Bald Eagle						3a		1			
Northern Harrier		1	2m, 1f		1	4	1			1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk								1			
Cooper's Hawk			1i					2		2	
Swainson's Hawk						3	9		1m, 1f		2
Red-tailed Hawk		4	5		1	7	2	12	1	4	2
Dark Morph western races		(4)	(5)		(1)	(1)					
Ferruginous Hawk						1					
Buteo sp.							2		1		
Golden Eagle										1	
American Kestrel		15	1	2	1	3	9	5	5	8	2
Merlin							1				
Prairie Falcon								1			

DFO FIELD TRIP REPORTS	DFO FIELD TRIPS							TUESDAY BIRDERS			
APRIL 1999	3	10	11	17	18	24	25	6	13	20	27
SPECIES	NDL	LAL	CCR	CHA	WAP	LLR	WRA	DRH	BCG	BCL	CHF
Ring-necked Pheasant		1	1h			1m, 1f	2				
Greater Prairie Chicken							26				
Virginia Rail			1h								
American Coot	25	100	200	1	40	20	42				
Sandhill Crane							14				
Killdeer	5	6	6	2	8	6	7		3	2	
Black-necked Stilt						16					
American Avocet		1			5	49	2				
Greater Yellowlegs					2	2					
Lesser Yellowlegs						28	5				
Willet						1	9				
Spotted Sandpiper							2				
Marbled godwit							7				
Semipalmated Sandpiper							1				
Western Sandpiper							1				
Long-billed Dowitcher						1					
Common Snipe		1	4	1	3		1		1		9
("Peeps") Sandpiper sp.						15					
Wilson's Phalarope						14					
Franklin's Gull		8			13	2	41				
Ring-billed Gull	45	12	30	1	10	4	200		1	3	
California Gull	12	6	1		2		22				
Herring Gull			1		1		1				
Forster's Tern						5					
Rock Dove	47	14		2	6	12	13	7	6		
Mourning Dove	1	3	1	3	2	8	14		6		9
Great horned Owl			1a, 1j	1		2a, 2j	3		2a, 3j	4	1
Burrowing Owl						4	8				
White-throated Swift								3			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird										1	
Belted Kingfisher	1	1			2	2	2		3	1	
Downy Woodpecker	1			1	4	1	2	1m	2	5	5
"Rocky Mountain" race					(4)						
No. Flicker	12	4	4	6	1	1	2	2	25	12	12
"Red-shafted"	(12)	(4)	(4)	(6)	(1)	(1)		2	25	12	12
Say's Phoebe							3	1			
Horned Lark		3				4	38				
Tree Swallow					23						
Violet-green Swallow					1					4	27
No. Rough-winged Swallow				2	1				1		
Cliff Swallow											16
Barn Swallow			1		3	33					
Swallow sp.							18				
Blue Jay		2			1	1	5				
Western Scrub-Jay								10			
Black-billed Magpie	10	12	30		21	15	8	10	18	15	12
American Crow	15	3	4	2	8	4	3	2	1	1	19
Common Raven	1	1			2			1		1	

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Black-capped Chickadee	7	3	8	4	13	1	3	8	14	12	10
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	1h									
Canyon Wren								2			
House Wren											2
Marsh Wren		1				8					
American Dipper		1									
Golden-crowned Kinglet							2			3	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1		1			1	
Western Bluebird	15			2							
Mountain Bluebird	10			30							
Townsend's Solitaire								1			
Hermit Thrush						4	2				
American Robin	95	200	35	100	12	25	78	6	50	15	10
Loggerhead Shrike						8	9				
European Starling	50	150	150	26	3	34	200		30	25	16
Orange-crowned Warbler						1	1				
Yellow-Rumped Warbler		1			8		1				8
"Myrtle" race					(6)						(4)
"Audubon's" race		(1)			(2)						(4)
Painted Bunting						1m	1m				
Spotted Towhee						2	2	12		3	
American Tree Sparrow			1	2							
Vesper Sparrow						2	33				2
Savannah Sparrow					2						
Song Sparrow	4	3	20		7	1	3	4	8	3	4
Lincoln's Sparrow							1				
White-crowned Sparrow		8		2	1	14	35				12
"Gambel's" race		(8)				(14)					
Harris' Sparrow						1	1a				
Dark-eyed Junco		2	1	35	1	10	6	6			7
"Slate-colored" race			(1)								
"Oregon" race						(1)					
"Pink-sided" race				(35)	(1)	(9)	(x)				
"Gray-headed" race		(2)									
Red-winged Blackbird	35	250	100	52	46	63	80		30		47
Meadowlark Western		14	6	25	6	16	49	8	4	15	15
Blackbird Yellow-headed		300			4	100	520				
Brewer's Blackbird						13	12				
Great-tailed Grackle						5					
Common Grackle	10	70		6	15	25	156		15		
Cowbird Brown-headed						6	3				
House Finch	4	6		1	2	1	2	3	6	4	2
Pine Siskin				4							
American Goldfinch		4	6	2	5		5			1	2
House Sparrow	25	14	3	30		24	43		10	6	23
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	715	1648	1037	371	619	1094	2342	26	33	37	34
TOTAL SPECIES	40	60	45	32	61	79	85	112	315	207	334

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

JUNE FIELD TRIPS

June 5, Saturday (BDC)

Big Dry Creek Open Space

Leader: Norm Lewis, (303) 988-5544

Meet at 0700 in west parking lot of Front Range Community College. North side of 112th Avenue, ½ mile west of Federal Blvd. Half day trip, bring lunch and water. Trip may last more than half day. Walk four to five miles on easy trail.

June 6, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, (303) 659-8069

Meet at 0800 at Nature Center. Half day trip. Easy trail, will walk about three miles. State Parks Pass required.

June 9, Wednesday (APX)

Apex Trail

Leader: Warren Finch, (303) 233-3372

Meet leader at 0600 in lower Heritage Square parking lot off CO 93 just north of U.S. 40. Will hike five miles on steep trail and gain approximately 1,000' of elevation. Half day trip. Bring lunch and water.

June 12, Saturday (RMP)

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Bob Richter, (303) 692-8529

Meet to carpool at 0615 at RTD Park 'n Ride on northeast corner of N. Sheridan Blvd. and W. 88th Ave. next to police station. Or, meet leader at 0800 at Park Visitor Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance. U.S. Park pass required. Bring lunch and water.

June 13, Sunday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: David Laliberte, (303) 297-1390

Meet at 0700 at fee station just inside west entrance of Chatfield SP off S. Wadsworth Blvd., 1 ½ miles south of C-470. Half day trip. Walk two to three miles on easy trails. Bring water. State Park pass required.

June 19, Saturday (LOL)

Longmont and Lyons Area

Leader: Bill Prather, (303) 776-2191

Meet at 0730 at Jim Hamm Center. From I-25 take exit 240. Go four miles west on CO 119 to traffic signal on Boulder/Weld County Line Road. Go two miles north to nature center on left. Will walk two to three miles. Bring lunch and water.

June 20, Sunday (GOG)

Golden Gate State Park

Leader: Paula Hansley (303) 642-3361

Meet leader at 0800 at park Visitor Center. Half day trip. Bring lunch and plan to eat at leader's home as we look for Band-tailed Pigeons. State Parks pass required.

June 26, Saturday (HAR)

Hack Ranch and Georgia Pass

Leader: Carol Hack, (303) 777-7893

Meet to carpool at 0700 at northwest corner of parking lot at Albertson's on S. Sheridan just north of U.S. 285 (Hampden Ave.). Meet leader at 0830 on U.S. 285 across from Texaco station in Jefferson, CO. Will walk two to three miles on moderate trails. Bring lunch and water.

June 27, Sunday (BEL)

Belmar Historic Park and Sanctuary Park

Leader: Karleen Schofield, (303) 936-8661

Meet leader at 0800 at the park at 800 S.

Wadsworth Blvd. at W. Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave. and go into Irongate parking lot near lake. Good trip for novice birders. Nesting geese, coots, grebes and blackbirds will be easily seen. Walk approximately 2 ½ miles on easy trails. Bring lunch and water.

July 3-5, Saturday - Monday (NPW)

North Park to include Walden, Arapaho NWR and Colorado State Forest

Leader: Bob Spencer, (303) 279-4682

Meet at 0900 on Saturday at the Safeway

parking lot in Fraser. Spend Saturday and

Sunday nights in Walden at the North Park

Motel (970) 723-4271. You must make your own reservations and make them early!

Camping available in primitive campground one mile north of town. State Parks pass required for Colorado State Forest. Bring lunch for three days. Please call leader if going.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 1

Program: "Birding in Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands"

Speaker: Dan Bridges

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY MAY 1999

May 1, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park.

Leader: Karleen Schofield. **Observer:** Warren Finch. **Time:** 0700-1230, **Distance:** 4.0 miles by car. 3.3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir; **Elev.:** 5,000'. **Weather:** Overcast, showers; **Calm;** 40°F; **Totals:** 52 Species, 403 Individuals.

May 2, Sunday (LMT)

Longmont Area.

Leaders: Richard Mendez, Chris Owens. **Observers:** Lynn Solomon, Jim Wesorick, Nancy Wesorick. **Time:** 0700-1315, **Distance:** 70.0 miles by car. 0.25 miles on foot. **Elev.:** 4,800'. **Weather:** Light rain to full sun; wind 0 mph, 30-65°F; **Totals:** 75 Species, 3414 Individuals.

May 3, Monday (LLR)

Lower Latham Resv., Bebee Draw,

Leader: Tina Jones. **Observers:** Marge Burgess, Carol Elfring, Kathy Ford, Liz Kreider, Akos Pinezich, Edith Pinezich, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Arnold Silverman, Barbara Thomas, Genevieve Young. **Time:** 0700-1700, **Distance:** 124.1.0 miles by car. 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Shortgrass prairie; riparian,

marshes; **Elev.:** 5,100' **Weather:** Partly cloudy to clear; wind S 0-15 mph, 50-68°F; **Totals:** 80 Species, 705 Individuals.

May 14- 15, Friday-Saturday (PNG)
Pawnee National Grassland Crow Valley C.G. and Lower Latham.

Leader: Gail Evans. **Observers:** Gail Campbell, Susan Cook, Georgia Doyle, Jean Fredlund, Jim Fredlund, Eldon Galletti, Ivan Getting, Eric Lindberg, Chuck Lowrie, Richard Mendez, Chris Owen, Lynn Solomon. **Time:** 1600(Fri.)-1500(Sat.), **Distance:** 60.0 miles by car. 0.3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, short-grass prairie, marsh, ponds. **Weather:** Clear, breezy; wind variable 2-15 mph, 50-70°F; **Totals:** 106 Species, 1240 Individuals.

May 16, Sunday (COS)

Colorado Springs: Fountain Creek Regional Park, Hannah Ranch, Hanover Rd., Big Johnson Reservoir.

Leader: David Laliberte. **Observers:** Jean McClenathen, Carrie Schoomer, Sue Schulman, Vito Tursi **Time:** 0600-1830, **Distance:** 216.0 miles by car. 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian-stream bed, reservoir, small lakes, roadsides-open fields-cholla flats **Weather:** A.M.-Cloudy, dry; P.M.-Overcast with brief rain shower; Wind gusting at times; wind N

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1-23 mph, 46-63°F; **Totals:** 80 Species, 947 Individuals.

May 18-20, Tuesday to Thursday (BNR) *Bonny Reservoir Area.*

Leader: Brandon Percival. **Observers:** Bob Dickson, Warren Finch, Ivan Getting, Edwin McConkey, Jean Morgan, Joe Roller. **Time:** 20 total hours birding. **Distance:** 100.0 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains, riparian wood lots and reservoir. **Weather:** Sunny on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning; cloudy Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning; wind variable, 0-30 mph, 40-85°F; **Totals:** 89 Species, 884 Individuals.

May 22, Saturday (RIR) *Rigli Ranch.*

Leader: Joe Rigli. **Observers:** Mary Bayer, Bill Bayer, Tammy Ferreira, Anton Kalous Jr., Jon McAlear, Elissa McAlear, Richard Mendez, Kathleen Nelson, Chris Owens, Juliene Pimentel, Ira Sanders, Vito Tursi. **Time:** 0800-1600, **Distance:** 8.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, sandhills, fields, prairies, ponds, creeks; **Elev.:** 4,330'. **Weather:** Cool, calm, cloudy (A.M.), and windy (P.M.), wind SW 0-15 mph, 40-65°F; **Totals:** 41 Species, 163 Individuals.

May 23, Sunday (WGB) *Wheatridge Greenbelt.*

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** Dave Compton, Jean Fischer, Beverlee Guild, Joan Little, Vito Tursi, Dotty Wittmar, Lou Wittmar. **Time:** 0800-1215, **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car. 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian. **Weather:** Cloudy, wind 5 mph, 50-75°F; **Totals:** 36 Species, 623 Individuals.

May 29, Saturday (SBT) *Stapleton Braille Trail near Chief Hosa*

Leader: Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Jim Chaney, Dave Conant, Lynn Conant, Dennis Downing, Alberta Nelson. **Time:** 0810-1210, **Distance:** 2.0 miles by car. 1.5 miles on foot. **Elev.:** 9,000'. **Weather:** Cool sunny turning to windy, light showers, wind varied; 60-70°F; **Totals:** 37 Species, 359 Individuals.

May 29-31 Saturday-Monday (SEC)

Southeastern Colorado: Lamar, Springfield, Rocky Ford, Two Buttes, Lake Cheraw, Carrizo and Cottonwood Canyons, Neenoshe and Neeskah Lakes, Comanche Grasslands.

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Kathleen Nelson, Marge Burgess, Rich Mendez, Chris Owens, Eric Lindberg. **Time:** 0600 to 1800 Sat and Sun, 0530 to 1330 Mon; **Distance:** 740.0 miles by car. 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** fields, shortgrass prairie, canyons, riparian areas, ponds, rivers, urban; **Elev.:** 3,622'-4,300'. **Weather:** sunny to overcast; wind direction various, 0-20 mph, 00-00°F; **Totals:** 112 Species, 3528 Individuals.

May 30, Sunday (TWP)

Two Ponds NWR and Standley Lake.

Leader: David Rhoades. **Observers:** Diane Carter, Jeff Carter, Dave Compton, Dennis Downing, Beverlee Guild, Connie Huyck, Joan Little, Jean Morgan, Lee Rowe, Marilyn Rowe, Chris Stoner, Barbara Thomas, Claude Valiures. **Time:** 0800-1130, **Distance:** 9.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponds, wetlands, prairie, overgrown field, lake, **Elev.:** 5,300' **Weather:** Partly cloudy, windy; 60-70°F; **Totals:** 30 Species, 132 Individuals.

May 31, Monday (SWS)

Douglas County: Louviers Highline Canal, McClellan Resv., Plum Creek, Sedalia, Daniels Park

Leader: Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Bob Frager, Mona Reed, Dorothy Sutherland, Jean Tarbel, Barbara Thomas, Emily Wiersma, Ralph Wiersma. **Time:** 0700-1530, **Distance:** 31.0 miles by car. 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, streams, scrub oak, pine, shortgrass plains. **Elev.:** 5,500'-6,200'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy to partly cloudy, wind variable 5-15 mph, 52-70°F; **Totals:** 53 Species, 629 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

May 4, Tuesday (BLU)

Bluff Lake.

Leader: Sue Boersma. **Observers:** 38. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car. 1.25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, cattails, prairie; **Elev.:** 5,280'. **Weather:** Mostly clear, wind NW 3-5 mph, 47-55°F; **Totals:** 27 Species, 101 Individuals.

May 11, Tuesday (JOS)

Jeffco Open Space: Lower White Ranch.

Leader: Alice Kruse. **Observers:** 34. **Time:** 0900-1200, **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car. 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian; **Elev.:** 6,150'-6,600'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny to mostly cloudy; wind NW 4-12 mph, 48-56°F; **Totals:** 38 Species, 246 Individuals.

May 18, Tuesday (DCP)

Discovery Pavilion, Chatfield wetland, Platte River downstream from pavilion.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 49. **Time:** 0900-1200, **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car. 5.0 (2 groups) miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, fields, wetlands; **Elev.:** 5,500'. **Weather:** sunny, wind calm, 68-78°F; **Totals:** 59 Species, 357 Individuals.

May 25, Tuesday (BAR)

Barr Lake SP.

Leaders: Nelda Gamble & Alice Kruse. **Observers:** 29. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 4.0 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, reservoir, riparian, cattails, prairie, agriculture; **Elev.:** 5,100'; **Weather:** Cloudy to drizzle later, wind S 5-10 mph, 44-56°F; **Totals:** 54 Species, 784 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (compiler)

CLASS

"Iridescent Buzzing Bombers: Hummingbird I.D., Behavior, and Gardening"

Class: July 6, Tues., 6-8 P.M. Field trip: Evening of July 14, 6:30-9 P.M. Offered by Denver Botanic Gardens. Fee. Call 303-370-8019 or 303-370-8020 to register. Class number FT2. Instructor: Tina Jones, 303-794-2647.

DFO MEMBER OFFERS YARD VIEWING

DFO members are invited to view songbirds, hummingbirds and habitat at the home of Tina Jones. The yard will be open from July 10-Sept. 30, 1999. Address is 4400 Bow Mar Dr., near Quincy and South Sheridan. Calliope and Black-chinned hummers appear July to Sept. 12. Please park in front of the house on side of Bow Mar Dr. and proceed to back yard. Please use chairs provided to avoid disruption to wildlife. No need to knock, but leave Tina a message at 303-794-2647 to let her know when you will be there.

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Audubon - Master Guide to Birding, 3 vol., 1st printing. Soft cover, like new.

North American Birds- Eastern, 1977, soft cover, good condition (torn jacket).

North American Birds- Western, 1977, soft cover, good condition, with jacket.

North American Butterflies (signed by Robert M. Pyle), 1986, soft cover, good con. with jacket.

North American Wildflowers- Western, 1979, soft cover, good condition with jacket

Peterson, Advanced Birding, Kenn Kaufman, 1980, soft cover, like new.

Birds' Nests, Hal Harrison, 1979, hard cover, like new.

Eastern Birds (signed by RTP), 1980, soft cover, good condition.

Hawks (signed by Brian K. Wheeler), 1987, hard cover, good condition with some tears on cover.

Mexican Birds, Peterson & Chalif, 1973, hard cover, like new with jacket.

Texas, 1963, soft cover, like new.

Western Birds (signed by RTP), 1961, soft cover, fair condition.

Wildflowers of Rocky Mtns., Craighead, et. al., 1963, hard cover, very good condition with jacket.

DFO SE ARIZONA TRIP SUMMARY

May 1-9

The DFO "Thrashers" scored big by ticking off a whopping 206 species which included 11 hummingbirds and 19 flycatchers. George Armburst scored a personal high by sailing into the elite ABA 600 club with an up close and personal view of the Rufous-winged Sparrow.

Participants: George Armburst, Barbara Bridges, Barbara Gillet, David Pantle, Bill Payne, Dick Pratt
Leader: Bob Righter

DFO MONTEREY TRIP OCTOBER 5-11.

There are only a few locations on earth where the relationship of land and sea can produce such a unique array of bird life as Monterey can in the fall. The trip will include two pelagic boat trips as well as four days will be spent exploring all the estuaries, canyons, headlands, rocky coasts and mud flats from Big Sur to Pigeon Point. All land and the cost of going to sea will be equally shared. The estimated cost per birder should about \$800. Limited to eight birders. Please call Bob Righter for more details 303-692-8529.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS MAY 1999

Species	Date(s)		Number Seen	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	5/25		1 alt.	Lamar	Prowers	Tony Leukering, Rich Levad, Doug Faulkner
LEAST BITTERN	5/8		1	(Rd HH between Rd 13 and Rd 14	Bent	Tina Jones, Paul & Verla Priest
LITTLE BLUE HERON	5/20	- 5/21	1a	Fl. Collins	Larimer	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, many others
LITTLE BLUE HERON	5/22		1a	Neeskah Reservoir	Kiowa	Joey Kellner
TRICOLORED HERON	5/16		2a	Lake Holbrook pond	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON	No Date		1a	Sawhill Ponds	Boulder	Doug Faulkner, Tony Leukering
GLOSSY IBIS	5/9		1	Fl Lyon Cemetery	Bent	Tina Jones, Paul & Verla Priest
GLOSSY IBIS	5/16		1	Blue Lake (Adobe Creek Reservoir)	Bent	Tina Jones, Paul & Verla Priest
Hooded Merganser	5/25		1am	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Tony Leukering, Doug Faulkner, Rich Levad
Hooded Merganser	5/1	- 5/25	1f	Barr Lake	Adams	Nelda Gamble, et al.
Broad-winged Hawk	5/1		1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Broad-winged Hawk	5/2		1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Broad-winged Hawk	5/11		1i	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Broad-winged Hawk	5/14		1drk morph	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Joe Roller
Broad-winged Hawk	5/15		1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith, BG Hahn
Broad-winged Hawk	5/15		1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Broad-winged Hawk	5/21		1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Joey Kellner
Merlin	5/11		1f	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Steve Stachowiak
BLACK RAIL	5/7		1seen	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
BLACK RAIL	5/15	- 5/17	2h	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede, many others
BLACK RAIL	5/28		1h	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Joey Kellner, Ric Olson
Sandhill Crane	5/16		1 flyover	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller
American Golden Plover	5/17	- 5/22	2alt. plumage	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Tony Leukering, Joey Kellner, several others
Whimbrel	5/6		13 in one flock	Comanche NG	Baca	Tony Leukering, Doug Faulkner, Harry Kahler
Whimbrel	5/7		1	Near the Platte River near Memo	Logan	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal
Whimbrel	5/10		3 on ground	N of Two Buttes Res.	Prowers	Tony Leukering
Whimbrel	5/16	- 5/24	1-2	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Tina Jones, many others
HUDSONIAN GODWIT	5/7		2a	Great Plains Reservoirs	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, many others
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER	5/21		1a	pond in Weld County	Weld	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, many others
Laughing Gull	5/9		1a in alt.	Walsh sewage ponds	Baca	Tony Leukering, Dan Svingen, Harry Kahler
Caspian Tern	5/25		1 alt.	John Martin Res.	Bent	Rich Levad, Doug Faulkner, Tony Leukering
Common Tern	5/7		1a	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Eurasian Collared-Dove	5/17		1	Holly	Prowers	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
Eurasian Collared-Dove	5/11		1a	Springfield	Baca	Brandon Percival
Greater Roadrunner	5/11		6	various locations in	Baca	Brandon Percival, many others
LESSER NIGHTHAWK	5/9		2f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
LESSER NIGHTHAWK	5/15	- 5/16	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, many others
Common Poorwill	5/8		1	Lamar Comm. College	Prowers	Doug Faulkner
WHIP-POOR-WILL	5/2		1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson
Black Swift	early May		1	Springfield	Baca	Dan Svingen
RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD	4/30	- 5/1	1am	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Peter Gaede, many others (2nd or 3rd CO record, pending acceptance)
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE	5/1		1s	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
ALDER FLYCATCHER	5/18		1calling	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Brandon Percival
Willow Flycatcher	5/21	- 5/28	1s	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joey Kellner, Ric Olson, Brandon Percival, Bob Dixon
Least Flycatcher	5/1	- 5/2	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Least Flycatcher	5/2		1	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Least Flycatcher	5/8		3	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Tony Leukering, Doug Faulkner, Harry Kahler
Least Flycatcher	5/12		1s	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Least Flycatcher	5/18		1s	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival
Least Flycatcher	5/21	- 5/22	1s	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Brandon Percival, many others
Least Flycatcher	5/15		4s	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Eastern Phoebe	5/1		1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Eastern Phoebe	5/10		1	Along Bear Creek	Baca	Brandon Percival, Vic Zerbi
Eastern Phoebe	5/10		1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
VERMILION FLYCATCHER	5/15		1m	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner

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Great Crested Flycatcher	5/9	- 5/21	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Rachel Kolokoff, Vic Zerbi, Joey Kellner
WHITE-EYED VIREO	5/7	- 5/12	1f	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
WHITE-EYED VIREO	5/17	- 5/18	1sm	Roads JJ & 16, e. of Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO	5/10	- 5/12	1a	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO	5/12		1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO	5/17		1	Neeskah Reservoir	Kiowa	Tina Jones
Cassin's Vireo	5/7		1	Willow Creek Park, Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Rachel Kolokoff, Mark Janos
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5/7		1	Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal
Veery	5/1		1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival
Veery	5/12		1	Grove at Rds. JJ & 16, east of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Veery	5/14		1	Last Chance Rest stop	Washington	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller
Veery	5/15		1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival
Veery	5/17		1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
Veery	5/20		1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Brandon Percival
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH	5/2		1	Roads JJ & 16, e. of Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH	5/7		1	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH	5/8		1	Lamar Comm. College	Prowers	Tony Leukering
WOOD THRUSH	5/10		1	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Tony Leukering
WOOD THRUSH	5/20	- 5/21	1sm	Ft. Collins	Larimer	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, many others
Tennessee Warbler	5/8	- 5/9	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Tennessee Warbler	5/10		1m	along Bear Creek	Baca	Brandon Percival, Vic Zerbi
Tennessee Warbler	5/10	- 5/13	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Vic Zerbi, many others
Tennessee Warbler	5/14		1sm	Last Chance Rest stop	Washington	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller
Tennessee Warbler	5/17		1f	Neeskah Reservoir	Kiowa	Tina Jones
Tennessee Warbler	5/21		1f	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Brandon Percival, many others
Nashville Warbler	4/30	- 5/1	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Nashville Warbler	5/7	- 5/9	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Nashville Warbler	5/10	- 5/13	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Nashville Warbler	5/10		1s	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, Vic Zerbi, Bill Fink
Northern Parula	4/30	- 5/1	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Northern Parula	5/7		1sm	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Northern Parula	5/10		1sm	along Bear Creek	Baca	Brandon Percival, Vic Zerbi
Northern Parula	5/11		1m	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Northern Parula	5/11	- 5/13	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Northern Parula	5/16		1sm	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/1	- 5/2	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/9		1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/10		1f	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/14		1-1st spring m	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joe Roller, Bob Spencer
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/15		1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/18		1sm	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/22		1m	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Brandon Percival, many others
Magnolia Warbler	5/8	- 5/12	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Magnolia Warbler	5/10		1f	along Bear Creek	Baca	Brandon Percival, Vic Zerbi
Magnolia Warbler	5/16		1f	Lake Holbrook grove	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Magnolia Warbler	5/24		1m	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Bob Dickson, Joe Roller
CAPE MAY WARBLER	5/24		1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Bob Dickson, Joe Roller
Black-throated Blue Warbler	5/9	- 5/10	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Vic Zerbi, Rachel Kolokoff
Black-throated Blue Warbler	5/13		1m	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival
Black-throated Blue Warbler	5/21	- 5/28	1-1st spring f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Joey Kellner, Ric Olson
Black-throated Green Warbler	5/13		1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Black-throated Green Warbler	5/16		1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bill Maynard, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald
Townsend's Warbler	5/7		1m	Lamar Cemetery	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Townsend's Warbler	5/9		1f	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Townsend's Warbler	5/12		1f	Nee Noshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, many others
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER	5/15		1sm	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, many others
YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER	5/1	- 5/7	1m	Lamar Cemetery	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER	5/16		1sm	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Steve Stachowiak, Joe Roller, many others
PINE WARBLER	5/21		1sm	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joey Kellner
PRAIRIE WARBLER	5/8		1sm	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Blackpoll Warbler	5/8		1m	Willow Creek Park	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others

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Blackpoll Warbler	5/12	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Blackpoll Warbler	5/14	1sm	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joe Roller, Bob Spencer
Blackpoll Warbler	5/15	1sm	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, BB Hahn, Drew Smith
Blackpoll Warbler	5/17	1m	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Blackpoll Warbler	5/18	1f	Grove at Rds. JJ & 16, e. of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival
Blackpoll Warbler	5/23	1f	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Black-and-white Warbler	4/30	1-2ym	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Black-and-white Warbler	5/2	1ym	Lamar Cemetery	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Black-and-white Warbler	5/2	1ym	Grove east of Fort Lyon on Rd. JJ	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Black-and-white Warbler	5/2	2ym	Grove at Rds. JJ & 16, east of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Black-and-white Warbler	5/7	2f	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Black-and-white Warbler	5/8	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Black-and-white Warbler	5/9	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Black-and-white Warbler	5/12	1ym	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Black-and-white Warbler	5/13	1f	Lair O' the Bear Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Tammy Ferreira
Black-and-white Warbler	5/16	1m	Lake Holbrook grove	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Black-and-white Warbler	5/17	1f	NeeNoshe Reservoir	Otero	Tina Jones
American Redstart	5/1	1am	Nee Noshe Res.	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, many others
American Redstart	5/2	1ym	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
American Redstart	5/8	1am	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, many others
American Redstart	5/9	1ym	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
American Redstart	5/10	1f	along Bear Creek	Baca	Brandon Percival, Vic Zerbi
American Redstart	5/11	1ym	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Brandon Percival, many others
American Redstart	5/18	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival
American Redstart	5/20	2ym	Last Chance Rest stop	Washington	Brandon Percival
American Redstart	5/15	2-3	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Ovenbird	5/14	1	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joe Roller, Bob Spencer
Ovenbird	4/30	1s	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Ovenbird	5/11	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Dick Schottler, Vic Zerbi, Duane Nelson
Ovenbird	5/16	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, many others
Ovenbird	5/16	1	Lake Holbrook grove	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Northern Waterthrush	5/1	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Northern Waterthrush	5/8	1-2s	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Northern Waterthrush	5/10	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, Bill Fink
Northern Waterthrush	5/10	1s	along Bear Creek	Baca	Brandon Percival, Vic Zerbi
Northern Waterthrush	5/12	1s	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Northern Waterthrush	5/13	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, many others
Northern Waterthrush	5/14	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joe Roller, Bob Spencer
Northern Waterthrush	5/16	1	Lake Holbrook grove	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Northern Waterthrush	5/16	1s	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, many others
Northern Waterthrush	5/18	1	Grove east of Ft. Lyon on Rd. JJ	Bent	Brandon Percival
Northern Waterthrush	5/14	1	Last Chance Rest stop	Washington	Brandon Percival, Tina Jones, many others
Northern Waterthrush	5/24	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joe Roller, Bob Dickson
KENTUCKY WARBLER	5/7	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, many others
MOURNING WARBLER	5/9	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
MOURNING WARBLER	5/14	1m	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joe Roller, Bob Spencer
MOURNING WARBLER	5/17	1m	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joey Kellner, Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede, Drew Smith
Hooded Warbler	5/9	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Hooded Warbler	5/12	1f	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Hooded Warbler	5/13	1m	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Vic Zerbi
Summer Tanager	5/8	1f	Willow Creek Park, Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Summer Tanager	5/16	1f	Lake Holbrook grove	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
SCARLET TANAGER	5/9	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Rachel Kolokoff, Vic Zerbi
Field Sparrow	5/7	1	Nee Noshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Rachel Kolokoff
Field Sparrow	5/7	2	Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal
Field Sparrow	5/9	2	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Rachel Kolokoff, Tina Jones
White-throated Sparrow	5/1	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
White-throated Sparrow	5/2	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
White-throated Sparrow	5/7	2	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
White-throated Sparrow	5/14	1	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joe Roller, Bob Spencer

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Harris's Sparrow	5/1	- 5/4	1	Bar Lake SP	Adams	m.ob.
Harris's Sparrow	5/9	- 5/12	1-2a	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Harris's Sparrow	5/15		1a	Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joe Roller, Bob Spencer
Harris's Sparrow	5/18		1a	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Harris's Sparrow	5/22		1a	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Brandon Percival, many others
Lepid Longspur	5/5		1m	Comanche NG	Baca	Dan Svingen
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/2		2m	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/8		1sm	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/9		1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, many others
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/9		1m	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, many others
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/10	- 5/20	1m	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Joey Kellner, many others
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/21		1m	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Brandon Percival, many others
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/22		1m	4400 BowMar Dr. Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Dickcissel	5/28		3s	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Joey Kellner, Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, Bob Dixon
Baltimore Oriole	5/14		1m	Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joe Roller, Bob Spencer
Baltimore Oriole	5/15	- 5/28	1sm	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith, BB Hahn, many others
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	5/1	- 5/8	up to 12	Pebble Creek Ranch	Summit	Sue Bonfield, Tony Leukering
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (Hepburn's)	5/2		2	Pebble Creek Ranch	Summit	Sue Bonfield, Tony Leukering
Black Rosy-Finch	5/1	- 5/8	up to 4	Pebble Creek Ranch	Summit	Sue Bonfield, Tony Leukering
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch	5/1	- 5/17	up to 75	Pebble Creek Ranch	Summit	Sue Bonfield, Tony Leukering

a = adult, i = immature, y = young, m = male, f = female, s = singing, h = heard

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SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS											
	1	2	3	14-15	16	18-20	22	23	29-31	29	30	31
	CSP	LMT	LLR	PNG	COS	BNR	RIR	WGB	SEC	SBT	TWP	SWS
Common Loon	1											
Pied-billed Grebe		3										
Horned Grebe									1			
Eared Grebe		57			14							
Western Grebe	3	134			55	25			63			
Clark's Grebe		5			1				6			
Am. White Pelican		36	31			35	3		8		1	
Double-cr. Cormorant	9	5	2	2	5	65		5	8	1	4	3
American Bittern				1								
Great-blue Heron	22	13	1	7	11	4		1	19			2
Great Egret		1							1			
Snowy Egret				3								
Cattle Egret					1				24			
Green Heron					2							
Black-cr. Night-Heron		4		1				2			3	1
White-faced Ibis			98	2					17			
Snow Goose									5			
"White morph"									(5)			
Canada Goose	9	38	26	6	4	7		70		2	11	4
Wood Duck	2											5
Green-winged Teal		12		2								
Mallard	12	15	3	22	13	6	6	30	48	3	5	9
Northern Pintail			1	1								
Blue-winged Teal	1	10	6	14	9	2			6			
Cinnamon Teal	3	11	10	5								
teal sp.						12						
Northern Shoveler	2	120	11	14	15	2			3			
Gadwall		14	28	6	3	4						
American Wigeon		2	6					1				
Canvasback			2									
Redhead			9	1		2						
Ring-necked Duck		22	2									
Lesser Scaup		4	6		105							
Bufflehead		2										
Ruddy Duck			2		86				2			
Turkey Vulture	2				2	45		1	33		1	
Osprey	1	2										
Mississippi Kite									19			
Bald Eagle											1	
Northern Harrier			2	2			1		9			
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1		1	1				1	1		
Cooper's Hawk									1			
Broad-winged Hawk	1											
Swainson's Hawk		4	7	4	1		2	1	13		1	1
Red-tailed Hawk	2	4	1		7	4	1		11	2		4
western races		(4)	(1)				(1)			(2)		(4)
Ferruginous Hawk		3		1					3			
Golden Eagle				1					1			

OBSERVATION LEGEND: a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, n=nesting, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, +=also or in addition to, pb=basic plumage, pa=alternate plumage, y1=first year, y2=second year, y3=third year

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SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS											
	1 CSP	2 LMT	3 LLR	14-15 PNG	16 COS	18-20 BNR	22 RIR	23 WGB	29-31 SEC	29 SBT	30 TWP	31 SWS
American Kestrel		20	3	1	4	2			39	1	1	6
Prairie Falcon									2			
Ring-necked Pheasant				1		4	2		4			
Wild Turkey						6						
Virginia Rail					2h	1			1h			
Sora				3h								
American Coot	1	24	5	2	1	7			25			
Killdeer	5	4	5	14	2	4	1		34		1	1
Mountain Plover									1			
Black-necked Stilt			3						7			
American Avocet			2	24		1						
Lesser Yellowlegs			1	3								
Willet				5								
Spotted Sandpiper	1	3		2	18	28						1
Long-billed Curlew									1			
Marbled godwit			22									
Sanderling				14								
Semipalm. Sandpiper			1	9								
Least Sandpiper				2								
Long-bld. Dowitcher				2								
Common Snipe		1		1								
Wilson's Phalarope		12	41	90								
Franklin's Gull	13	8		1	56	6			1			
Ring-billed Gull	18		7	2	43	63			13			
California Gull	1			3					75			
Common Tern						1..						
Forster's Tern		1				7			2			
Rock Dove		10	3	4	4			2	180		4	2
Mourning Dove	1	32	7	16	29	16	2	12	310	4	6	11
Yellow-billed Cuckoo									2			
Greater Roadrunner									1			
Barn Owl									1			
Great horned Owl	2		4	1h	1	3			1			
Burrowing Owl				3			5		5			
Common Nighthawk						6			23			
Chimney Swift						1			19			
White-throated Swift									1			
Blk-ch. Hummingbird									3			
Br.-tld. Hummingbird					1h					65		3
Belted Kingfisher	2	2	2		3			1	1		1	1
Lewis' Woodpecker									8			2
Red-hd. Woodpecker						3			2			
Red-bel. Woodpecker						1						
Lad.-bkd Woodpecker									1			
Downy Woodpecker	2	1	2	3	1	4		5	3			
"eastern" races	(2)		(2)	(3)		(4)						
Hairy Woodpecker									2			
Northern Flicker	4	3	2	1	3	7	1	12	5	2	5	3

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SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS											
	1	2	3	14-15	16	18-20	22	23	29-31	29	30	31
	CSP	LMT	LLR	PNG	COS	BNR	RIR	WGB	SEC	SBT	TWP	SWS
"Yellow-shafted" "Red-shafted" Y.-s. x R.-s. Hybrid	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(3)	(1) (3) (3)	(1)	(12)	(5)	(2)	(5)	(3)
Olive-sided Flycatcher					1				3			
Western Wood-Pewee				1	2	1		1	3			6
Alder Flycatcher						1c						
Alder/Willow Flyc. sp.						1						
Least Flycatcher		1				6						
Cordilleran Flycatcher				1	1							
Empidonax sp.					1	3			3	1		
Eastern Phoebe							1					
Say's Phoebe		3		3		2						
Ash-thr. Flycatcher									5			
Great-cr. Flycatcher						1			1			
Cassin's Kingbird									2			
Western Kingbird			4	18	7	22	6		230			12
Eastern Kingbird				4	4	14	1		35			3
Horned Lark			9	50	1		15		125			
Tree Swallow	13	60	2									
Violet-green Swallow	1	16		2	2			275		75		4
No. R.-wgd. Swallow	1			10	11	7					2	3
Bank Swallow		8							11			
Cliff Swallow	8	36	32	60	2				325	6	10	350
Barn Swallow	10	50	15	20	27	11	15	2	163		8	2
Steller's Jay										1		1
Blue Jay		3	1	6	6	4		3	4	3		
Western Scrub-Jay												1
Black-billed Magpie	8	13	6		23	1	2	8	31	4	5	7
American Crow	1		2		1			4	5	2		6
Raven Chihuahuan									7			
Common Raven		2	1									
Bk.-cpd. Chickadee	8	5	1	1	13	4		10		12		3
Mountain Chickadee										7		
White-br. Nuthatch	2					1				1		1
Pygmy Nuthatch										5		
Rock Wren		1							2			
Canyon Wren									5			
Bewick's Wren									3			
House Wren	15		3	9	34	24			36	10	1	11
Marsh Wren		1h	7	12					1			
American Dipper		1										
Golden-cr. Kinglet				1								
Ruby-cr. Kinglet										3		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		2		1	1h				1			2
Eastern Bluebird				1		2						
Western Bluebird										2		4
Mountain Bluebird		1								8		6
Townsend's Solitaire			1									

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SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS											
	1	2	3	14-15	16	18-20	22	23	29-31	29	30	31
	CSP	LMT	LLR	PNG	COS	BNR	RIR	WGB	SEC	SBT	TWP	SWS
Veery				2								
Swainson's Thrush			1	14		6						
Hermit Thrush			1	1	1		2					
American Robin	18	37	19	26	26	14	3	20	57	6	8	13
Gray Catbird				9		1	1		2			4
No. Mockingbird			1	2		1	1		15			
Sage Thrasher		1										
Brown Thrasher			1	10	1	6	2		16			
Cedar Waxwing						18			1			
Loggerhead Shrike		3	3	4	1	1	2		5			
European Starling	80	63	17	10	28	22	7	25	117	12	5	16
White-Eyed Vireo						1m						
Bell's Vireo						2						
Plumbeous Vireo					1			1		3		
Warbling Vireo						14		1				2
Orange-cr. Warbler	4	3	16									
Virginia's Warbler					1							
Northern Parula	1m											
Yellow Warbler				16	31	24	2	20	3			11
Yel.-Rumped Warbler	15	86	1	30	24	(3)	1	1	1			
"Myrtle" race	(10)	(43)		(5)	(6)							
"Audubon's" race	(5)	(43)	(1)	(25)	(18)	3	(1)		(1)			
Blackpoll Warbler					1m							
Blk-and-white Warbler						1						
American Redstart				3	1f							
Ovenbird				1								
Northern Waterthrush				4	2							
Macgillivray's Warbler						2	1					
Common Yellowthroat		1		7	6	8		6h	3		2	
Wilson's Warbler				1	1	2						
Yellow-breasted Chat				3		2						2
Western Tanager				5	1m							
Northern Cardinal									1			
Rose-br. Grosbeak						1m						
Black-hd. Grosbeak				8	1m	1m		2		5		3
Blue Grosbeak						1m			10			
Lazuli Bunting				2	1m	1m, 1f			3			
Indigo Bunting									2			
Painted Bunting									1			
Green-tailed Towhee	1			3					1			
Spotted Towhee	9			6	1m	1			2	1		13
Cassin's Sparrow				5		1h						
Chipping Sparrow		6	12	10	13	15	2					1
Clay-colored Sparrow			1	8	2	25						
Brewer's Sparrow		5					5					
Field Sparrow						1						
Vesper Sparrow	18	4	4	14	1				11	4		
Lark Sparrow			1	6	10	25	1		11			

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SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS											
	1	2	3	14-15	16	18-20	22	23	29-31	29	30	31
	CSP	LMT	LLR	PNG	COS	BNR	RJR	WGB	SEC	SBT	TWP	SWS
Lark Bunting			4	150	9	2	10		180			
Savannah Sparrow		1		3					1	2		
Grasshopper Sparrow							2					
Song Sparrow	8	10	1	1	11			15	1		2	4
Lincoln's Sparrow	1			8	2	6						
White-cr. Sparrow	1	7	5	14		8			1			
Dark lored races			(5)	(12)								
"Gambel's" race		(7)		(2)								
Dark-eyed Junco									1	3		
"Oregon"										(2)		
"Pink-sided"										(1)		
McCown's Longspur			5	6			1					
Red-winged Blackbird	18	85	21	150	24	25	2	16	310	21	12	17
Eastern Meadowlark									2			
Western Meadowlark	16	78	8	50	13	25			199		9	7
Yellow-hd. Blackbird		2100	15	30					33			
Brewer's Blackbird			26		4		1		11			
Great-tailed Grackle			5	6					8			
Common Grackle	4	42	6	30	29	28	8	20	152	7	4	9
Cowbird Br.-hd.	6	8	21	15	1	12	8	14	4	4		12
Orchard Oriole				8		26	2		12			
Baltimore Oriole						12						
Bullock's Oriole				12	9	2	2	10	52		2	13
Cassin's Finch										2		
House Finch	2	5	3	4	4	1	1	5	55	6	5	5
Pine Siskin				2		5				62		7
American Goldfinch	14	3	9	18	33	35	2	6	1		4	3
House Sparrow		20	50	20	13	7	30	15	167		8	6
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	403	3414	705	1240	947	884	163	623	3528	359	132	629
TOTAL SPECIES	52	75	80	106	80	89	41	36	112	37	30	53

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SPECIES	TUESDAY BIRDERS				DFO SPRING BIRD COUNT								BBT
	4	11	18	25	6	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	3-6
	BLU	JOS	DCP	BAR	CCR	CHA	WAT	LBC	BSP	BLP	CSP	RMA	BBT
Common Loon								1					1
Pied-billed Grebe	1				1	1			1	2		8	3
Horned Grebe								2					4
Eared Grebe					32	1			4	1			7
Western Grebe				2	49	39		13	15	4		1	500
Clark's Grebe										1			625
Am. White Pelican			1	1	21			14	5	6			15
Double-cr. Cormorant			10	250+n	1	14	17	110+n	120	47		4	60
American Bittern				1									2
Least Bittern													1
Great-blue Heron	4		25	60+n	2	29	9	22+n	9	37	16	16	18
Great Egret				1	1								1
Snowy Egret			2	3		1				4		2	5
Cattle Egret				2					2	6			6
Green Heron													1
Black-cr. Night-Heron				3	1	1a			4	4		1	
Glossy Ibis					1								
White-faced Ibis					79			4	18	105		48	136
Snow Goose												1	40
"White morph"													(40)
Canada Goose	4		2	100	26	28	20	8	30	45	2	27	4
Wood Duck			2	1		1			4				12
Green-winged Teal						2	5	15		3		12	16
Mallard	7	5	11	4a,8j	28	26	22	30	60	25	2	20	70
Northern Pintail									3	8			5
Blue-winged Teal			1+n	4	8				3	12		4	15
Cinnamon Teal				8	2	8				21		15	10
Northern Shoveler				1	7	1	9	11	4	2		11	15
Gadwall				2	8	6	18	17	48	55		57	6
American Wigeon						4			2			2	1
Canvasback													2
Redhead				4					8	4		17	20
Ring-necked Duck						1m,1f	5	5	2			4	
Greater Scaup													2
Lesser Scaup					8		1	16	14	16		5	4
Common Goldeneye													2f
Bufflehead					2					1f			3
Common Merganser					1	5	4					1	
Red-br. Merganser													3f
Ruddy Duck									20			1	30
Turkey Vulture		6	8			4					25	1	20
Osprey						1							3
Mississippi Kite													2
Bald Eagle				2a,2jn					2	1a			
Northern Harrier				1	1	2			5	3			4

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	4	11	18	25	6	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	3-6
	BLU	JOS	DCP	BAR	CCR	CHA	WAT	LBC	BSP	BLP	CSP	RMA	BBT
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1				2	1				1	1
Cooper's Hawk		1				1							1
Broad-winged Hawk													7
Swainson's Hawk	3			7	2	2n			5	25	3	12	6
Red-tailed Hawk western races	2	1	7			5	3	1	2	7	5	9	3
								(1)	(2)		(5)		
Ferruginous Hawk		1											2
Rough-legged Hawk													1
Golden Eagle		1											1
American Kestrel	2			1	1	1	3	3	6	1		12	40
Prairie Falcon	1		1								2		
Ring-necked Pheasant					2	1m			3h	1m		6	7
Wild Turkey													7
Northern Bobwhite													6
Scaled Quail													1
Virginia Rail					2	5			3h				5
Sora				1h		2h		4h	1h	2h			4
American Coot					53	3		48	150	7		11	600
Black-bellied Plover									1				4
Snowy Plover													6
Piping Plover													1
Killdeer	2			4	4	5	1	10	4	22	2	15	90
Mountain Plover													1
Black-necked Stilt													32
American Avocet			4				2		2	7		24	16
Lesser Yellowlegs													2
yellowlegs sp.													1
Solitary Sandpiper												1	1
Willet						22		1				1	71
Spotted Sandpiper			5			4	3	8	4	3		2	12
Long-billed Curlew													2
Marbled godwit													4
Ruddy Turnstone													3
Sanderling													1
Least Sandpiper								3					9
Baird's Sandpiper													3
peep sp.													10
Short-bld. Dowitcher									1				
Long-bld. Dowitcher										2		10	11
Common Snipe										2			3
Wilson's Phalarope						1m				50		18	2000
Franklin's Gull					2					4			300
Bonaparte's Gull									2				75
Ring-billed Gull					4	30	12	35	60	20		33	15
California Gull					3			5					

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SPECIES	TUESDAY BIRDERS				DFO SPRING BIRD COUNT								BBT
	4	11	18	25	6	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	3-6
	BLU	JOS	DCP	BAR	CCR	CHA	WAT	LBC	BSP	BLP	CSP	RMA	BBT
Forster's Tern										9		1	21
Black Tern										2			1
Rock Dove	1	4	1	1	9	5	3	29	17	102	6	2	15
Eur. Collared-Dove													4
White-winged Dove													1
Mourning Dove	9		9	7	11	23	11	10	53	73	15	59	45
Greater Roadrunner													1
Barn Owl													1
Eastern Screech-Owl													1
Western Screech-Owl													1
Great horned Owl	1a,2 j			1	2	2	1a,1j	1		2a,3j	1	13	8
Burrowing Owl										19		4	12
Long-eared Owl													1
Common Nighthawk			1										
Common Poorwill										3			
Chimney Swift													85
White-throated Swift		40								8			
Br.-td. Hummingbird		8	1							1			
Belted Kingfisher			1		1	3	2		2	1		2	5
Lewis' Woodpecker													1
Downy Woodpecker		1		1	2	17	5	6	3		2	8	4
"eastern" races								(6)					(4)
Hairy Woodpecker								1m,1f					3
"eastern" races													(3)
Northern Flicker	1		3	1	4	18	7	23	13	5	5	18	3
"Yellow-shafted"													(1)
"Red-shafted"	(1)		(3)	(1)	(4)	(18)	(7)	(23)	(13)	(1)	(5)	(18)	(2)
Y.-s. x R.-s. Hybrid													
Olive-sided Flycatcher			2										1
Western Wood-Pewee			2										
Willow Flycatcher													1
Least Flycatcher													7
Cordilleran Flycatcher										1			
Empidonax sp.													1
Eastern Phoebe													1
Say's Phoebe	2	1	2		1	1					2	8	6
Western Kingbird		1	1	6		1			9	39	2	31	45
Eastern Kingbird			9	8	1				2	2		3	3
Scis.-td. Flycatcher													1m
Flycatcher sp.		1											
Horned Lark						2				8		7	25
Tree Swallow			7	1		35	8		1	1	18	11	8
Violet-green Swallow		4	14		2						24		1
No. R.-wd. Swallow					4	2			9		12		30
Bank Swallow						1							3

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	4	11	18	25	6	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	3-6	
	BLU	JOS	DCP	BAR	CCR	CHA	WAT	LBC	BSP	BLP	CSP	RMA	BBT	
Cliff Swallow	2		2	10	30	60				223	30	2	60	
Barn Swallow		4	3	20	75	4	7	10	12	23	2	9	50	
Swallow sp.	8													
Steller's Jay		1									5			
Blue Jay	2				2	2	2	3	5	2	6	12	30	
Western Scrub-Jay		4	1								9			
Black-billed Magpie	6	9		9	23	35	5	27	17	28	19	38	20	
American Crow	2	1				4	5	10			2	1	10	
Raven Chihuahuan													2	
Common Raven		3				2	2	1			4	1		
Bk.-cpd. Chickadee	1	10	6	9	8	23	12	15	3	2	12	5	3	
Mountain Chickadee											5			
Red-br. Nuthatch			1			1	1h	3			2			
White-br. Nuthatch								1			6		1	
Rock Wren					2	1		1			2	2	6	
Canyon Wren											4		2	
Bewick's Wren													2	
House Wren			10	8	2	200	30	12	40	3	24	56	18	
Marsh Wren						1							2	
American Dipper							1							
Golden-cr. Kinglet								1						
Ruby-cr. Kinglet		2			1								15	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						9				1	3	2	25	
Eastern Bluebird		1											4	
Western Bluebird											12			
Mountain Bluebird											24			
Gr.-cheeked Thrush													2	
Swainson's Thrush				3									15	
Hermit Thrush												6	4	
American Robin	11	10	6	12	59	45	24	66	75	17	58	47	50	
Gray Catbird			2	1									1	
No. Mockingbird			4			1				1	1		7	
Brown Thrasher													50	
American Pipit						1h								
Cedar Waxwing													30	
Loggerhead Shrike						3	1	2		6		3	6	
European Starling	7	8	15	10	16	45	30	54	80	49	19	60	300	
White-Eyed Vireo													1	
Cassin's Vireo													1	
Plumbeous Vireo										1	1	1	1	
Warbling Vireo			2										1	
Red-eyed Vireo			1											
Orange-cr. Warbler		1			4	1	4	3	1	1		1	40	
Nashville Warbler													5	
Virginia's Warbler		4	2			2		2			3		5	

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SPECIES	TUESDAY BIRDERS				DFO SPRING BIRD COUNT									BBT
	4	11	18	25	6	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	3-6	
	BLU	JOS	DCP	BAR	CCR	CHA	WAT	LBC	BSP	BLP	CSP	RMA	BBT	
Northern Parula													5m, 1f	
Yellow Warbler			31	7		9	2	3	6	1h		12	10	
Yel.-Rumped Warbler	3	8	13	1	31	60	40	60	32	3	1	12	150	
"Myrtle" race	(3)				(19)	(7)	(15)	(40)	(6)	(1)		(10)	(100)	
"Audubon's" race				(1)	(8)	(18)	(25)	(20)	(26)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(50)	
Blk-thr. Grn. Warbler													1f	
Yellow-Thr. Warbler													1m	
Cerulean Warbler													1m	
Blk-and-white Warbler													4m, 3f	
American Redstart													9	
Worm-eating Warbler													2	
Ovenbird													2	
Northern Waterthrush				1									2	
Macgillivray's Warbler			1					1	1			1	1m	
Common Yellowthroat			4	2	1					1		2	12	
Hooded Warbler													1m, 1f	
Wilson's Warbler												1	30	
Yellow-breasted Chat			5				1h						1	
Western Tanager									2		1	1	2	
Rose-br. Grosbeak													3m	
Black-hd. Grosbeak			1								6		1	
Green-tailed Towhee									1		1	22	2	
Spotted Towhee		8	7		3	34	7	2	2	3	68	5	25	
Canyon Towhee													2	
Chipping Sparrow		22			11	2		5	8	2	22	113	21	
Clay-colored Sparrow			1							1		45	5	
Brewer's Sparrow			1					1h		2		2	2	
Field Sparrow													1	
Vesper Sparrow		40			4	2	5	5		5	15	9	1	
Lark Sparrow			1							4	1	3	3	
Lark Bunting										1m			1	
Savannah Sparrow			2			1		1					1	
Song Sparrow		2		4	5	9	8	6	14	4	3	2	7	
Lincoln's Sparrow			1									1	5	
Swamp Sparrow													1	
White-thr. Sparrow													6	
Golden-cr. Sparrow									1					
White-cr. Sparrow		2	2		16	6	1		11	1		7	160	
"Gambel's" race						(5)			(11)					
"Oriantha" race						(1)								
Harris' Sparrow									1					
Dark-eyed Junco											2		2	
"Slate-colored"													(1)	
"Oregon"													(1)	
"Gray-headed"											(2)			

OBSERVATION LEGEND: a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, n=nesting, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing,
 + =also or in addition to, pb=basic plumage, pa=alternate plumage, y1=first year, y2=second year, y3=third year

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE MAY 1999
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SPECIES	TUESDAY BIRDERS				DFO SPRING BIRD COUNT									BBT
	4	11	18	25	6	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	3-6	
	BLU	JOS	DCP	BAR	CCR	CHA	WAT	LBC	BSP	BLP	CSP	RMA	BBT	
Bobolink											1			
Red-winged Blackbird	6		50	110	213	35	22	60	125	129	58	89	68	
Western Meadowlark	4	15	17+n	6	16	41	9	7	17	49	28	63	30	
Yellow-hd. Blackbird				23		2m,1f		1	21	44		6	1500	
Brewer's Blackbird		2	5		31	1	3	2			18			
Blackbird sp.	1													
Great-tailed Grackle				2						7			30	
Common Grackle	2	5	14	25	20	22	2	29	200	59	1	22	150	
Cowbird Br.-hd.	2	6	8	1	8	43	16	1	23	14	37	15	40	
Baltimore Oriole										2				
Bullock's Oriole		1	5	12	1				1			9	3	
House Finch					12	2		46	2	1	7	11	5	
Pine Siskin								1			5		35	
American Goldfinch	2	2		3	55	20	16	10	1		3	8	250	
House Sparrow				6	12			39	15	32		3	200	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	101	246	357	784	1050	1098	430	949	1453	1555	687	1290	8953	
TOTAL SPECIES	27	38	59	54	66	80	50	66	74	85	63	90	190	
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MAY 1999 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

	# SPECIES	# INDIVIDUALS	# FIELD TRIPS	# OBSERVERS
ALL FIELD TRIPS - TOTAL	248	31,980	25	307
DFO FIELD TRIPS	206	13,027	12	100
TUESDAY BIRDERS	98	1,488	4	155
DFO SPRING BIRD COUNT	151	8,512	8	38
ADDITIONAL REPORTS-BBT	190	8,953	1	14
IDENTIFIED FORMS	15	N/A	N/A	N/A
UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES	8	N/A	N/A	N/A
RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES	19	N/A	N/A	N/A

HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)

Least Bittern, Glossy Ibis, Piping Plover, Short-billed Dowitcher, White-winged Dove, Alder Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Gray-cheeked Thrush, White-Eyed Vireo, Cassin's Vireo, Yellow-Throated Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Painted Bunting, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

JULY FIELD TRIPS

July 3-5, Saturday-Monday (NPW)
North Park to include Walden, Arapaho NWR and Colorado State Forest

Leader: Bob Spencer, (303) 279-4682
Meet leader at 0900 on Saturday at the Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Saturday and Sunday nights in Walden at the North Park Motel (970/723-4271). You must make your own reservations. Camping available in primitive campground one mile north of town. State Parks Pass required for Colorado State Forest. Bring lunch for three days. Please call leader if going.

July 4, Sunday (GMP)
Genesee Mountain Park

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, (303) 233-4947
Meet at 0730 at RTD Park 'n Ride at east side of Union Blvd., just south of W. 6th Ave. Good trip for novice birders. May see families of mountain birds. Half day trip.

July 10, Saturday (PNG)
Pawnee National Grasslands

Leader: Dick Pratt, (303) 651-6860
Meet leader at 0700 at Denver Museum of Natural History, east parking lot. Full day trip may possibly include Pawnee Buttes. Bring lunch and water. We'll search for shortgrass prairie species.

July 11, Sunday (DCC)
Deer Creek Cyn and Meyer Ranch

Leader: J.B. Hayes, (303) 798-9683
Meet at 0700 at S. Wadsworth and Deer Creek Canyon Rd., first stoplight south of C-470 on S. Wadsworth. Car-pooling optional. Trip will end mid-afternoon to avoid heat and traffic. Bring lunch. Will probably find over 50 species.

July 17, Saturday (RMP)

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg, (303) 699-1721
Meet at 0800 at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. Allow for two hour drive from Denver. Nesting mountain birds. Variety of habitats. Bring appropriate clothing for high country. Full day trip, bring lunch. National Parks Pass needed. Call leader if you have questions.

July 18, Sunday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park

Leader Dave Quesenberry, (303) 796-7603
Meet at 0730 in PRP parking lot. From Main Street intersection in Parker, go south on Hwy. 83 (Parker Road) 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Indian Pipe Lane to parking on right. Half day trip, bring lunch and water.

July 24, Saturday (ESL)

Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lake

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, (303) 757-7000
Meet at 0730 to carpool from Park 'n Ride on east side of Union Blvd. just south of W. 6th Ave. Or meet leader at Filius Park. (From I-70 West, take Evergreen exit, then take first Bergen Park exit, then right to Filius Park.) Full day trip, bring lunch.

July 25, Sunday (RED)

Red Rocks, Bear Creek Lake Park

Leader: Norm Lewis, (303) 988-5544
Meet at 0730 at Red Rocks Trading Post. Excellent variety of habitats. Full day trip, bring lunch.

July 27, Tuesday (BMD)

Home of Tina Jones, 4400 Bow Mar Drive

Leader: Tina Jones, (303) 794-2647

Meet at leader's home at 1830 (6:30p.m.) near intersection of S. Sheridan and W. Quincy.

"Hummingbirds and Songbird Wildlife Gardening" is the theme of the evening. Enjoy viewing migrating hummingbirds (hopefully Calliope) and seeing wildlife plantings and other yard birds. Bring dinner, drinks, folding chair or blanket. Park cars on Bow Mar Drive in front of house.

July 31, Saturday (GGA)

Golden Gate State Park

Leader: Steve Kennedy, (303) 690-8265

Meet at 0730 at Visitor Center. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks pass needed.

Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer



THE LARK BUNTING

MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 1

Program: "Birding in Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands"

Speaker: Dan Bridges

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY JUNE 1999

June 5, Saturday. (BDC)

Big Dry Creek Open Space.

Leader: Norm Lewis. **Observers:** Sarah Allaback, Meredith Anderson, Ethan Carr, Diane Carter, Patty Echelmeyer, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Grace Hahn, John McDonald, Diana Mullineaux, Buzz Schaumberg, Ellie Walker, Debbie Westbrook. **Time:** 0700-1400. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, prairie. **Weather:** Wind direction variable, 0-15 mph; 50-75°F. **Totals:** 47 Species, 1002 Individuals.

June 6, Sunday. (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park.

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Dennis Downing, Ashlee Stuempf, Heather Stuempf, Larry Stuempf. **Time:** 0800-1030. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian; **Elev.:** 5,000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind NW, 8-31 mph; 55-68°F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 486 Individuals.

June 9, Wednesday. (APX)

Apex Trail.

Leader: Warren Finch. **Observers:** Marlene Andrews, Cal Frazier, Jean Frazier, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux. **Time:** 0600-1330.

Distance: 0.0 miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot.

Habitat: Foothills. **Elev.:** 6,150'-7,150'.

Weather: Clear to partly cloudy; wind S, 0-10 mph; 50-72°F. **Totals:** 50 Species, 258 Individuals.

June 12, Saturday. (RMP)

Rocky Mountain National Park.

Leader: Bob Righter. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Maggie Boswell, Mary Burger, Marge Burgess, Jerry Dunphy, Warren Finch, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Ed McConkey, Judy Norris, Tim Schowelter, Dick Schottler, Sue Schulman, Liz Willcockson, Lynn Willcockson, Ru Wing. **Time:** 0800-1430. **Distance:** 40.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Elev.:** 7,500'-13,000'. **Weather:** Clear; rain, sleet; 45°F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 112 Individuals.

June 13, Sunday. (CHA)

Chatfield State Park.

Leader: David Laliberte. **Observers:** Connie Huyck, Regina Reynolds, Joe Roller, Carrie Schoomer, Karleen Schofield, Chris Stoner, Barbara Thomas. **Time:** 0700-1245. **Distance:** 17.5 miles by car, 3.25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, marsh, fields, reservoir-ponds. **Weather:** Overcast to partly cloudy; dry; wind N, 1-13 mph; 48-63°F. **Totals:** 57 Species, 584 Individuals.

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June 19, Saturday. (LOL)

Longmont and Lyons Area.

Leader: Bill Prather. **Observers:** Evan Getting, John Prather, Ellen Swanson. **Time:** 0730-1230. **Distance:** 37.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains, foothills, riparian-streamside, reservoir. **Elev.:** 5,000'-5,400'. **Weather:** Sunny; Wind calm; 69-87°F. **Totals:** 55 Species, 1383 Individuals.

June 20, Sunday. (GOG)

Golden Gate State Park.

Leader: Paula Hansley. **Observer:** Linda Andes-Georges, Jerry Dunfee, Ken Dupont, Laurie Dupont, Joanne Garavaglie, Lynn Johnson, Joe Roller, Karleen Schofield, Dick Schottler, Ann Sprague, Bob Wing, Ru Wing. **Time:** 0800-1245. **Distance:** 5.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Montane woodland, shrubland, riparian, meadow. **Elev.:** 8,500'-9,000'. **Weather:** Clear; Wind 0 mph; 50-70°F. **Totals:** 47 Species, 119x Individuals.

June 26, Saturday. (HAR)

Hack Ranch, Georgia Pass and Milligan Lakes.

Leader: Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins. **Observers:** Patty Echelmeyer, Bob Frager, Glenn Hageman, Jean Hageman, Richard Mendez, Christie Owens, Jim Perry, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Ellen Swanson, Nell Swiers, Liz Willcockson, Lynn Willcockson. **Time:** 0830-1630. **Distance:** 37.3 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Elev.:** 9,500'-11,000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind SW, 0-20 mph; 50-75°F. **Totals:** 60 Species, 553 Individuals.

June 27, Sunday. (BEL)

Belmar Historic Park and Sanctuary Park.

Leader: Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Burke Angstman, Jean Angstman, Joey Angstman, Timmy Angstman, Dave Compton, Sue Kane. **Time:** 0800-1000. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, wetlands, riparian. **Elev.:** 5,300'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; humid; wind calm; 68-74°F. **Totals:** 31 Species, 375 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

June 1, Tuesday. (PVR)

Pine Valley Ranch Park/Jeffco Open Space.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 40. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake, conifers, meadows. **Elev.:** 7,200'. **Weather:** sunny; 65-70 °F; wind W, 5-15 mph. **Totals:** 37 Species, 113 Individuals.

June 8. Tuesday. (KCR)

Ken-Caryl Ranch Banding Station & Deer Creek Canyon Jeffco Open Space Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 31. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 5.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot; **Habitat:** Scrub oak, grasslands, reservoir. **Elev.:** 6,200'. **Weather:** sunny; 68-80 °F; wind NW, light breeze. **Totals:** 26 Species, 72 Individuals.

June 15. Tuesday. (ESP)

Estes Park - Rocky Mtn Nat'l Park, Mc Graw Ranch Cow Creek Trail & Prather Ashe Property.

Leaders: Prather Ashe & Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 31. **Time:** 0930-1200. **Distance:** 8.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Conifer woodlands, riparian, aspen. **Elev.:** 7,756'. **Weather:** cloudy with intermittent rain; 49 °F; wind calm; **Totals:** 29 Species, 72 Individuals.

June 22. Tuesday. (LLS)

Los Lagos near Rollinsville.

Leaders: Phyllis Baldwin & Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 50. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian, conifer. **Elev.:** 8,600'. **Weather:** partly cloudy; 62 °F; wind light breeze; **Totals:** 33 Species, 154 Individuals.

June 29. Tuesday. (REY)

Reynolds Park Jeffco Open Space.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 27. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 2.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, conifer. **Elev.:** 6,000'-7,400'. **Weather:** clear; 70-80 °F; wind variable, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 27 Species, 79 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (compiler)

BRANDON'S BONUS BIRDING TRIP

May 3-6, Monday - Thursday (BBT)

Southeastern Colorado: Baca, Prowers, Bent, Kiowa, Crowley, and Otero Counties.

Leader: Brandon Percival. **Observers:** Marlene Andrews, Bob Bierling, Keith Chamberlain, Todd Dilley, Warren Finch, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, J.B. Hayes, Tim Mitzen, Gene Rutherford, Karleen Schofield, Dave Silverman, Vic Zerbi. **Time:** sunrise to sunset each day, **Distance:** 555.0 miles by car. 8.0 miles on foot. **Weather:** Variable each day, Partly Cloudy in am and off and on rain in pm. Wind: Variable 0 to 20 mph. 35-65°F; Plains. **Totals:** 190 Species, 8953 Individuals.

DFO SPRING COUNT FOR MAY 1999

May 6, Thursday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park

Leader: Tamie Bulow. **Observers:** Mary C. Burger, Bob Spencer, Sue Schulman. **Time:** 0620-1500, **Distance:** 29.0 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy, wind NW mostly calm, gusting 5-10 mph, 31-56°F; **Totals:** 66 Species, 1050 Individuals.

May 8, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park.

Leader: Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Walt Hackney, Jeff Herzog, Ed Holub, Liz Krieder, Randy Lentz, BJ Meadows, Jim Newell, Carol Weckstrom. **Time:** 0600-1500, **Distance:** 35.0 miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear turning partly cloudy in P.M., wind none, calm (A.M.) S 10-15 mph (P.M.), 45-75°F; **Totals:** 80 Species, 1098 Individuals.

May 8, Saturday (WAT)
Waterton, downstream.
Leader: Bob Brown. **Observers:** None. **Time:** 0600-1215, **Distance:** 13.0 miles by car. 12.0 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear early – clouding late, wind SW 0-8 mph, 48-70°F; **Totals:** 50 Species, 430 Individuals.

May 8, Saturday (LBC)
Lower Bear Creek.
Leader: Bob Spencer. **Observers:** Tamie Bulow, Pearl Jordan, David Laliberte, Mort Staatz. **Time:** 0630-1430, **Distance:** 25.0 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot. **Weather:** Sky mostly clear, wind W 0-10 mph, 45-70°F; **Totals:** 66 Species, 949 Individuals.

May 8, Saturday (BSP)
Barr Lake State Park.
Leader: Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Mark Gonzalez. **Time:** 0600-1615, **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car. 12.0 miles on foot. **Weather:** Am: mostly clear; pm: partly cloudy, wind S-SE 2-30 mph, 40-70°F; **Totals:** 74 Species, 1453 Individuals.

Sunday May 9 (BLP)
Barr Lake periphery - Ireland Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir, Lochbuie.
Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Mugsy Bain, David Laliberte, Karleen Schofield. **Time:** 0630-1500, **Distance:** 85.0 miles by car. 0.25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Roadsides, fields-cultivated and "natural", irrigation ditches, marshy areas, ponds, reservoirs. **Weather:** Overcast to partly Cloudy; dry, wind S 0-15 mph, 50-79°F; **Totals:** 85 Species, 1555 Individuals.

Sunday May 9 (CSP)
Castlewood Canyon State Park.
Leader: Randy Lentz. **Observer:** Dan Hopkins. **Time:** 0500-1600, **Distance:** 17.0 miles by car. 5.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, grassland, riparian. **Weather:** Mostly clear; wind W 0-20 mph; 45-70°F; **Totals:** 63 Species, 687 Individuals.

Sunday May 9 (RMA)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal.
Leader: Urling Kingery. **Observers:** Bob Currie, Hugh Kingery, Kent Kreider, Liz Kreider, Paul Langendorfer, Cheryl Scott, Liz Willcockson, Lynn Willcockson, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0630-1700, **Distance:** 30.0 miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Grassland, riparian, ponds, & marshes; **Elev.:** 5,300'. **Weather:** Clear, wind variable, mostly calm but gusts to 20 mph; 50-72°F; **Totals:** 90 Species, 1290 Individuals.

CLASS

"Grand Swainson's Hawk Migration, Plus Songbirds Heading South and Prairie Ecology"
Classroom session: Sept. 14, Tues., 7-9 P.M.
Field trip: Sept. 19, Sunday, full day trip. Offered by Denver Audubon. Fee. Instructor: Tina Jones, 303-794-2647. For registration, call Becky Becker at 303-766-5266.

DFO MEMBER OFFERS YARD VIEWING

DFO members are invited to view songbirds, hummingbirds and habitat at the home of Tina Jones. The yard will be open from July 10-Sept. 30, 1999. Address is 4400 Bow Mar Dr., near Quincy and South Sheridan. Calliope and Black-chinned hummers appear July to Sept. 12. Please park in front of the house on side of Bow Mar Dr. and proceed to back yard. Please use chairs provided to avoid disruption to wildlife. No need to knock, but leave Tina a message at 303-794-2647 to let her know when you will be there.

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DFO welcomes its new members!
We hope to see you at meetings or
on field trips soon!!

DFO MONTEREY TRIP OCTOBER 5-11.

There are only a few locations on earth where the relationship of land and sea can produce such a unique array of bird life as Monterey can in the fall. The trip will include two pelagic boat trips as well as four days will be spent exploring all the estuaries, canyons, headlands, rocky coasts and mud flats from Big Sur to Pigeon Point. All land and the cost of going to sea will be equally shared. The estimated cost per birder should about \$800. Limited to eight birders. Please call Bob Righter for more details 303-692-8529.

AL HAY LIBRARY

The following field guides from the Al Hay Library are available for bids this month. Bids should be submitted in writing to Glenn Hageman, 448 S. Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224

Hard cover, very good condition:
Dozen Birding Hotspots, Harrison, 1976

Soft cover, good to like new condition:
California, Don Roberson, 1978
Northern California, Jean Richmond, 1985
Denver-Boulder Region, R. Folzenlogen, 1986
Coast of Maine, Pierson & Pierson, 1981
New Mexico, Huntington & Zimmerman, 1984
Oregon, Fred Ramsey, 1984

Lane/Holt Series, new format:
Birder's Guide to Planning N.A. Trips, Cooper, 1995

Colorado (signed by H.Holt), 1997
Rio Grande Valley of Texas, 1992

L/H, old format:
Florida, Harold Holt, 1989
Southeastern Arizona, Harold Holt, 1989
Texas Coast, Lane & Tveten, 1980

DFO AIDS PIPING PLOVER/LEAST TERN

DFO members may remember Duane Nelson's March 3, 1999 program on habitat recovery for Least Tern and Piping Plover. In May, Duane notified DFO that funding for the project was cancelled for the month of June of this year. The DFO board, via phone calls, approved a one-time donation of \$400 to help keep this worthy project funded for one month until future funding could be secured. Thanks to DFO and other individuals and organizations the project survived June and looks to be on better footing in the future. The Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) has long complained about spending money on management of non-game species. This was an excellent opportunity for those of us who do not buy hunting or fishing licenses to put our money where our mouth is and provide financial support for protection of non-game species.

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS JUNE 1999

Species	Date(s)	Number Seen	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	6/8 - 6/22	1 basic	Lake Beckwith	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Broad-winged Hawk	6/1	1 calling	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Pomarine Jaeger	6/??	1 subadult	Stagecoach Res.	Routt	Doug Faulkner
Caspian Tern	6/29		Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	6/8	1	Old Lake Isabel Road (unusual location)	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	6/12	1s	Hugo	Lincoln	Tony Leukering
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	6/17 - 6/19	up to 3h & seen	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler
Flammulated Owl	6/3	1h	Wet Mountains	Custer	Brandon Percival
Flammulated Owl	6/8	2h	Wet Mountains	Custer	Brandon Percival
WHIP-POOR-WILL (s.w. race)	6/22	1 calling (rec'd)	Fosset Gulch Road, 26 miles w. of Pagosa Springs	Archuleta	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
ACORN WOODPECKER	6/22	4	Durango	La Plata	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
Three-toed Woodpecker	6/26	1	Near Bowen-Baker Trailhead, Rky. Mtn. Nat. Pk.	Grand	Lea Ann & Bob Brown
Least Flycatcher	6/2	4s	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Cordilleran Flycatcher	6/19	1s	Chatfield State Park (staking a territory?)	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER	6/17 - 6/20	2s	Black Forest Road and Woodmen Road	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman, BB Hahn, Bob & Lea Ann Brown
Blue Jay	6/17	1	Georgetown	Clear Creek	Sue Bonfield
Bewick's Wren	6/24	2s	north of Wolcott	Eagle	Tony Leukering
Veery	6/18	1s	along Tarryall Cr., north of Como	Park	Tony Leukering, Sue Bonfield
Bendire's Thrasher	6/30	1s	Along FR660 .5 miles east of FR661	Saguache	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Warren Finch
Grace's Warbler	6/22	1sm	Fosset Gulch Road	Archuleta	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
Ovenbird	6/13	1s	south of Castlewood Canyon SRA	Douglas	Tony Leukering
Ovenbird	6/8	1sm	Rye Mountain Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
KENTUCKY WARBLER	6/29 - 6/30	1sm	Colorado City	Pueblo	David Silverman, many others
Dickcissel	6/25	1sm	Roxborough Road south of Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Joey Kellner
Green-tailed x Spotted Towhee hybrid	6/23	1	east of Old Park	Grand	Tony Leukering
Sege Sparrow	6/22	1	south of Ft. Garland	Costilla	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
Fox Sparrow	6/23	1s	sw. of Old Park	Grand	Tony Leukering
(Mountain) White-crowned Sparrow	6/12	1s	near Hugo	Lincoln	Tony Leukering
Lazuli x Indigo Bunting hybrid	6/2	1s	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Tony Leukering
Indigo Bunting	6/2	1s	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Tony Leukering
Painted Bunting	6/2	1s	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Tony Leukering
Common Grackle	6/18	1m	Como	Park	Tony Leukering, Sue Bonfield
Great-tailed Grackle	6/26	2m	Pine Beach, Shadow Mtn. Reservoir	Grand	Bob & Lea Ann Brown
White-winged Crossbill	6/26	2	Kobey Park, White River NF, ne. of Aspen	Pitkin	Tony Leukering

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	BDC	BAR	APX	RMP	CHA	LOL	GOG	HAR	BEL	PVR	KCR	ESP	LLS	REY
Eared Grebe								50						
Western Grebe					6	10								
Clark's Grebe					1	20								
Am. White Pelican						30					4			
Double-cr. Cormorant	2	3			24				3					
Great Blue Heron	12	6			5	3			2				2	
Snowy Egret									1a					
Green Heron	1													
Black-cr. Night-Heron	3					1								
Turkey Vulture					4	1		6		1	1			1
Snow Goose "White morph"								3 (3)						
Canada Goose adult immature	12	150			54	45		64	74 [58] [16]	4				
Green-winged Teal				1				5a,7i						
Mallard adult immature	12	6			6	12		5	56 [36] [20]	1		1	5a,5y	
Blue-winged Teal	1					1								
Cinnamon Teal						1								
Northern Shoveler		1												
Gadwall		1							1					
Redhead						20			14					
Ring-necked Duck								8						
Lesser Scaup								18						
Bufflehead								1						
Ruddy Duck								6						
Osprey													1	
Bald Eagle		2												
Cooper's Hawk			1											
Accipiter sp.								1						
Swainson's Hawk	1	2			1	1			1a					
Red-tailed Hawk western races	3		1 (1)		3		2 (2)	2		2	2			
Buteo sp.														1
Golden Eagle						1								
American Kestrel	2	4		2	3	1			1					
Ring-necked Pheasant					1h									
Blue Grouse			1											
White-tailed Ptarmigan				3										
Wild Turkey										1				
Sora								1						
American Coot						25		10						

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	BDC	BAR	APX	RMP	CHA	LOL	GOG	HAR	BEL	PVR	KCR	ESP	LLS	REY
Killdeer	7	5			1	3		6a,3i	2					
American Avocet									4a,3i					
Greater Yellowlegs								1						
Solitary Sandpiper						3								
Spotted Sandpiper				1	5					3				
Common Snipe							1	4						
Ring-billed Gull					10	50								
California Gull					2									
Rock Dove	14	2	40			4			4					
Band-tailed Pigeon							x							
Mourning Dove	30	12	5		8	80	1		5	1	3			
Great Horned Owl	1													
White-throated Swift						10								
Br.-tailed Hummingbird			4(ln)	8	3h	4	5	10		13		6	20	8
Belted Kingfisher	2				2				2	1				
Lewis's Woodpecker						2								
Red-naped Sapsucker				4			1m	6					1	
Williamson's Sapsucker												1	2	
Downy Woodpecker "eastern" races					4		1		1 (1)					1
Hairy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain"							3 (3)						1	
Northern Flicker "Red-shafted"	4 (4)	6 (6)	2 (2)	2	5 (5)	2 (2)	3 (3)	8 (8)	5 (5)	2	3	2	1	3
Olive-sided Flycatcher								3				1		
Western Wood-Pewee		2	2	1	9	4	4	4				4		
Least Flycatcher					1h									
Hammond's Flycatcher			2											
Dusky Flycatcher							2	3						1
Cordilleran Flycatcher			1			2	1				1	1	2	
Empidonax sp.			4	1				1						
Say's Phoebe	1							1						
Western Kingbird	2	20			5	3								
Eastern Kingbird	1	2			3									1
Plumbeous Vireo			3							2		1		
Warbling Vireo			10		3h	2	7	12		1	1	1	1	6
Gray Jay								4						
Steller's Jay			5	4			1			6		1	1	
Blue Jay	1					2								
Western Scrub-Jay			1								4			
Clark's Nutcracker				1				1					1	
Black-billed Magpie	15	6	5	4	8		1	5	5		4	1		1
American Crow	1		15	2			1	2	4	3		8	6	2
Common Raven	2		4	2	1		2	3		2	4	1		

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	BDC	BAR	APX	RMP	CHA	LOL	GOG	HAR	BEL		PVR	KCR	ESP	LLS	REY
Horned Lark				3				14							
Tree Swallow	3			1			3	35			4			13	1
Violet-green Swallow	1		5	15	65	20	7		1		6	2		1	
No. Rough-wgd. Swallow	5	4			5	2			12		1				
Bank Swallow					1										
Barn Swallow	30	2	5		1	20	x	2	10a,li			4			1
Cliff Swallow	600				175	50		70	6			1			
Blk.-capped Chickadee	3	2h	7		2h	10	2							4	
Mountain Chickadee			4	6			x	1			1		1	8	5
Red-breasted Nuthatch			2												
White-br. Nuthatch			3	1			4						5	1	1
Pygmy Nuthatch							1							1	
Rock Wren			1												
Canyon Wren						1									
House Wren	2	3	10	8	28	3	12	5					2	2	8
American Dipper							x				1				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			1		1							1			
Golden-cr. Kinglet				2											1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				4			4	10						8	
Western Bluebird			1										3		
Mountain Bluebird				1			2	12			1	1	1	15	1
Townsend's Solitaire				1			2				1		1		
Hermit Thrush				1			x	3						1	
American Robin	15	30	20	10	9	30	4	16	5a,3i		9	2	1	9	11
Gray Catbird					6	2									
Northern Mockingbird	1														
European Starling	25	11	10		10	100		6	9a,24i			2			
American Pipit				8											
Cedar Waxwing					1h	3									
Virginia's Warbler			3									1			
Yellow Warbler	3	1	3		18	20	1	4			5				1
Yel.-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race				3			x (x)	10 (10)			5			8	1 (1)
American Redstart					3										
MacGillivray's Warbler			1								1				
Common Yellowthroat	8				4	6									
Wilson's Warbler							3	10			3				
Yellow-breasted Chat	2		1		7										
Western Tanager	2		10								3				3
Green-tailed Towhee			1	1			2				1		4		3
Spotted Towhee			15		6	3						6+ny			
Chipping Sparrow							3				5		9	8	6
Vesper Sparrow					2h							1			
Savannah Sparrow								8						2	

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Fox Sparrow								1						
Song Sparrow	10	4	3		8	10	3		5	7		1		
Lincoln's Sparrow							3	2				1		
White-cr. Sparrow				1				10		1		4		
Dark lored races								(10)						
Dark-eyed Junco			1	4			2	6				5	2	3
"Gray-headed" race			(1)				(2)	(6)				(5)	(2)	(3)
Blk.-headed Grosbeak			3		1h		2			2	1			
Blue Grosbeak						2								
Lazuli Bunting			5		1m	2								
Red-winged Blackbird	40	75	2		7	500	x	10	37	1	3			
Western Meadowlark	10	2	5		6	35		5	3		5			
Yel.-headed Blackbird	20					150		2						
Brewer's Blackbird					2	6	x	8			1	1	6	6
Common Grackle	45	100	5		4	30	2	5	50a, 7i		4			
Br.-headed Cowbird	10	5	5		2		2	3	5	5	10	1	2	
Orchard Oriole		1												
Bullock's Oriole	5	10	5		12	4								
Pine Grosbeak								2						
Cassin's Finch							1	6					4	
House Finch	8		2		3	6			2					
Red Crossbill				2									1	
Pine Siskin				4			10	18		3		3	9	
Lesser Goldfinch			1		7	15								1
"Green-backed"			(1)											
"Black-backed"					(7)									(1)
American Goldfinch	4		2		9					4				
House Sparrow	20	6	10			10		5	7					1
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1002	486	258	112	584	1383	119x	553	375	113	72	72	154	79
TOTAL SPECIES	47	32	50	32	57	55	47	60	31	37	26	29	33	27

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JUNE 1999 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

	# SPECIES	# INDIVIDUALS	# FIELD TRIPS	# OBSERVERS	
ALL FIELD TRIPS	143	5,362	14	269	
DFO FIELD TRIPS	141	4,872	9	90	
TUESDAY BIRDERS	77	490	5	179	
IDENTIFIED FORMS	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	
UNIDENTIFIED SP.	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

AUGUST FIELD TRIPS

August 1, Sunday (LWY)

Laramie, Wyoming Areas

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 287-1644

Meet leader at 0700 at the Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch and come prepared for a long, adventurous day. Lake Hutton is a small, beautiful refuge south of Laramie, Wyoming. We'll bird Lake Hattie Reservoir if time permits. Four wheel drive or high clearance vehicles recommended. Call leader regarding vehicle and/or carpooling.

August 4, Wednesday (GEO)

Georgetown, Echo Lake, Empire

Leader: Tina Jones, (303) 794-2647

Meet leader at 0730 at the Park 'n Ride at the northeast corner of W. 4th Ave. and Union Boulevard south of W. 6th Ave. Trip will focus on hummingbird identification and mountain birds from 8-9,000 feet. Bring a fold-up seat. Bring lunch and water for three quarter day trip. Plan to carpool.

August 7, Saturday (BMP)

Boulder Mountain Parks

Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster, (303) 494-6708.

Meet leaders at 0800 at the north parking lot of U.S. Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories, 325 Broadway. From U.S. 36, go west on Baseline Rd. to light at 27th Way. Turn left, continuing to Broadway. Cross Broadway and enter Lab grounds; parking lot on right. Short hike on gentle slopes. Bring lunch and water.

August 8, Sunday (REP)

Reynolds Park

Leaders: Betty and Harold Oliver, (303) 936-6902

Meet at 0700 at the Park 'n Ride at S. Wadsworth and Hampden Ave. Half day trip on narrow hiking trails. Lunch optional, bring plenty of water.

August 11, Wednesday (MFP)

Mt. Falcon Park

Leader: David Laliberte, (303) 297-1390

Meet at 0730 at Park 'n Ride at Wadsworth & Hampden Ave. (Hwy. 285). Half day trip, bring water, lunch optional. Be prepared to walk 2 miles on moderate slopes.

August 14, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ed Holub, (303) 979-2194

Meet at 0630 at the fee station just inside the west entrance of Chatfield SP. From C-470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south 1.5 miles to entrance. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

August 15, Sunday (RSP)

Roxborough State Park

Leader: Doris Cruze, (303) 798-8072

Meet at 0800 at the Visitor Center. From C-470 turn south on Wadsworth Blvd. Continue for 4.4 miles then turn left at Waterton Canyon. Continue 1.6 mile to N. Rampart Range Rd., then turn right and follow the signs to the park. Hike a little more than two mile on an easy trail. Especially good trip for novice birders. Half day trip, lunch optional. Parks Pass required.

August 21, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, (303) 659-8069

Meet at 0800 at the Nature Center. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

August 22, Sunday (GGC)

Golden Gate Canyon Road and State Park

Leader: Karleen Schofield, (303) 936-8661

Meet leader at 0700 at the Park 'n Ride at the northeast corner of W. 4th Ave. and Union Blvd. south of W. 6th Ave. Good trip for nesting birds of the foothills and mountains. Trip involves three to four miles of walking on narrow dirt trails up to 9,400 feet. Bring lunch and extra water for a long day. State Parks Pass required.

August 22, Sunday (WGB)

Wheatridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon, (303) 403-4513

Meet at 1700 at the picnic tables for a picnic supper. We'll bird for awhile, eat supper, then continue to bird in the cool of the evening. Trip is especially good for novice birders and new members. The park is south of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb St.

August 28, Saturday (GUP)

Guanella Pass, Bailey, Georgetown

Leader: Bob Spencer, (303) 279-4682.

Meet at 0730 at the Park 'n Ride at S. Wadsworth Blvd. and Hampden Ave. Full day trip, bring lunch and water.

August 29, Sunday (HUD)

Hudson Area Reservoirs

Leader: John Vanderpoel, (303) 652-3678

Join well-known gull expert John Vanderpoel on a quest for shorebirds. Meet at 0630 in the parking lot of the Pepper Pod restaurant in Hudson. From Denver take I-76 East to the Hudson exit, Hwy. 52. The restaurant is on the frontage road and visible from the highway. Full day trip, bring lunch and water. Exact birding locations will be determined by water levels. State Parks Pass may be required.

Scheduled by Jackie King



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MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

August, 1999

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY JULY 1999

July 3-5, Saturday - Monday (NPW)
North Park - Walden, including Arapaho NWR, Colorado State Forest, Berthoud, Windy Gap, Willow Creek, Delaney Buttes.

Leader: Bob Spencer. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Gail Campbell, Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby, Chuck Lowrie, Bob Wing, Ru Wing.
Time: (Sat.) 0900-1900, (Sun.) 0600-1900, (Mon.) 0800-1300. **Distance:** 235.0 miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** Mountains, conifers, meadows, streams, mtn. Parks, lakes, streams. **Elev.:** 9,000'-12,000'. **Weather:** Mostly clear, windy (5-30 mph) on Sunday; No precip.; 65-90°F. **Totals:** 77 Species, 1771 Individuals.

July 4, Sunday (GMP)
Genesee Mountain Park.

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** Evelyn Dalby (from CA), Joan Little, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Joe Roller, Barbara Thomas,
Time: 0730-1200. **Distance:** 25.0 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** Meadows, Ponderosa forests. **Elev.:** 5,300'-7,000'.
Weather: Partly cloudy, Wind W, 0-20 mph; 79-90°F. **Totals:** 31 Species, 183 Individuals.

July 10, Saturday (PNG)
Pawnee National Grasslands to Pawnee Buttes.
Leader: Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Don Beltz, Raymond Davis, Dick Hiebert & Paulette Hiebert (from CA), Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Bob Spencer, Chris Stoner, Mort Staatz, Peter Weber (from IL), Amy Young. **Time:** 0700-1900. **Distance:** 200.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** High plains & lakes. **Elev.:** 4,800'-5,000'. **Weather:** Sun & clouds; Wind calm; 80-90°F. **Totals:** 77 Species, 1301 Individuals.

July 11, Sunday (DCC)
Deer Creek Canyon -to- Meyer Ranch Open Space Park.
Leader: J.B. Hayes. **Observers:** Marlene Andrews, Doris Cruze, Jeff Dunning, Kathy Dunning, Rich Ebens, Peggy Gonder, Alberta Nelson, Carrie Schoomer, Peter Weber (from IL).
Time: 0700-1430. **Distance:** 41.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** Foothills, riparian, meadow, dry scrub, mixed conifer. **Elev.:** 5,300'-8,000'. **Weather:** Clear A.M., partly cloudy P.M.; Wind W, 0-5 mph; 55-80°F.
Totals: 69 Species, 771 Individuals.

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July 17, Saturday (RMP)

Rocky Mountain National Park.

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg. **Observers:** Eleanor Baker, Bob Coley, Elaine Coley, Les Konicki, Jeanne Konicki, Cici Lee, Suke Lee, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Warren Roske, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 25.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** Riparian, mountain, tundra. **Elev.:** 7,700'-12,050'. **Weather:** Sunny, clear; Wind calm; 50-70°F. **Totals:** 23 Species, 66 Individuals.

July 18, Sunday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park.

Leader: Dave Quesenberry. **Observers:** Nancy Quesenberry, Ursula Barsch, Carrie Schoomer, Jolene Philpott, Laura SaBell, Beverlee Guild, Charlotte Ossman, Mort Staatz. **Time:** 0730-1100. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** Riparian, grassland, farm fields, marsh, small reservoir. **Elev.:** 5,600'. **Weather:** Clear; 56-83°F. **Totals:** 39 Species, 510 Individuals.

July 24, Saturday (ESL)

Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes, West Chicago Creek.

Leader: Glenn & Jeane Hageman. **Observers:** Bob Bierling, Les Konicki, Jeannie Konicki, Steve Sinclair. **Time:** 0750-1730. **Distance:** 65.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** Mountains - forest to tundra. **Elev.:** 6,500'-12,800'. **Weather:** Wind calm; 65-76°F. **Totals:** 49 Species, 252 Individuals.

July 25, Sunday (RED)

Red Rocks, Bear Creek Lake Park.

Leader: Norm Lewis. **Observers:** Debra Bogar, Jean Bogar, Bob Frager, Toni Rautus, Debbie Westbrook. **Time:** 0730-1300. **Distance:** 10.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** Foothills scrubland, lake, riparian woodland. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy; Wind variable, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 39 Species, 261 Individuals.

July 27, Tuesday (BMD)
Home of Tina Jones, 4400 Bow Mar Drive.
Leader: Tina Jones. **Observers:** George Brady, Peg Brady, Mary Burger, Nancy Fairchild, Grace Hahn, Sonja Hahn, Joe Himmel, Richard Maxfield, Betty Minges, Ric Olson, Ellen Swanson, Liz Willcockson, Lynn Willcockson. **Time:** 1830-2030. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 0.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** Plains (meadow and gardens). **Elev.:** 5,280'. **Weather:** Cloudy, a few raindrops; Wind W, 25-31 mph; 80-84°F. **Totals:** 11 Species, 27 Individuals.

July 31, Saturday (GGA)
Golden Gate State Park.
Leader: Steve Kennedy. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Ken Fredericks, Carol Fredericks, Mary Geder, Beverlee Guild, Debbie Kennedy, Jeannie Konicki, Les Konicki, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Steve Sinclair. **Time:** 0730-1330. **Distance:** 5.0 mi by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Elev.:** 8,500'-9,200'. **Weather:** Overcast, intermittent rain; Wind 0-5 mph; 50-60°F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 165 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

July 6, Tuesday. (WHR)
Upper White Ranch Jeffco Open Space Park.
Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 31. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** Ponderosa Pine, woodlands & mixed grassy meadows. **Elev.:** 5,675'-7,650'. **Weather:** Sunny; 72-75 degrees; wind SW 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 38 species, 217 individuals.

July 13, Tuesday. (SPB)
Stapleton Park/Braille Trail.
Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 27. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 1 mile by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitats:** Riparian, Ponderosa Pine woodland. **Elev.:** 7,200'-7,600'. **Weather:** Sunny; 76-80 degrees; wind NW light breeze. **Totals:** 28 species, 145 individuals.

July 20, Tuesday. (MTE)
Mount Evans--Evergreen Wal-Mart, Witter Gulch, Echo & Summit lakes & Goliath Nature Center.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 38. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 40 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitats:** tundra, lakes, Ponderosa, Lodgepole & Bristlecone Pine; Aspen & some riparian. **Elev.:** 9,000'-12,930'. **Weather:** Clear to partly sunny; 70-56 degrees; wind variable 0-10 mph; **Totals:** 26 species, 121 individuals.

July 27, Tuesday. (OFG)
Officer's Gulch near Vail pass, Vail rest area at Shrine Pass, Mt. of Holly Cross Overlook.
Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 14. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 1.0 mile on foot. **Habitats:** mountain meadows, montane & beaver pond. **Elev.:** 6,500'-11,200'. **Weather:** Clear to mostly cloudy; 63-70 degrees; wind N 0-10mph. **Totals:** 12 species, 36 individuals.

Monna Krebs (compiler)

ADDITIONAL FIELD TRIPS FOR JUNE 1999

June 2, Wednesday
Lower Arkansas Valley including John Martin Res., Blue Lake, Timber Lake, Ft. Lyon Marshes.
Leader: Duane Nelson. **Observers:** Jordan Dimick, Warren Finch, Bob Goycoolea, Tim Mitzen, Stan Oswald, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz. **Distance:** 180.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Weather:** Wind S, 5mph (A.M.) to 40mph (P.M.); 46-92°F. **Totals:** 81 Species, 1095 Individuals.
Pied-billed Grebe 2; Western Grebe 4; Clark's Grebe 20; American White Pelican 200; Double-cr. Cormorant 6; American Bittern 1; Great Blue Heron 5; Cattle Egret 1; White-faced Ibis 3; Turkey Vulture 27; Canada Goose 21; Gadwall 2; **American Black Duck** 1; Mallard 6; Blue-winged Teal 2; Cinnamon Teal 4; Northern Shoveler 4; Green-winged Teal 1; Mississippi Kite 1; Swainson's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 5; American Kestrel 3; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Scaled Quail 1; Virginia Rail 1; American Coot 2; **Piping Plover** 5; Killdeer 12; Black-necked Stilt 5; American Avocet 10; Spotted Sandpiper 4; Long-billed Curlew 11; Western Sandpiper 1; Wilson's Phalarope 4; Franklin's Gull 1; Ring-

billed Gull 26; California Gull 2; **Common Tern** 2; **Least Tern** 23; Rock Dove 2; Mourning Dove 50; Burrowing Owl 6; Common Nighthawk 4; Chimney Swift 2; Lewis's Woodpecker 1; Western Kingbird 22; Eastern Kingbird 4; Loggerhead Shrike 1; Warbling Vireo 1; Black-billed Magpie 2; American Crow 1; Chihuahuan Raven 1; Horned Lark 14; Cliff Swallow 300; Barn Swallow 10; House Wren 2; American Robin 12; Northern Mockingbird 16; Brown Thrasher 6; European Starling 25; Yellow Warbler 2; Common Yellowthroat 4; Cassin's Sparrow 2; Lark Sparrow 10; Lark Bunting 40; Grasshopper Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow 1; Blue Grosbeak 10; Dickcissel 3; Red-winged Blackbird 12; Western Meadowlark 43; Yellow-headed Blackbird 2; Common Grackle 10; Great-tailed Grackle 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 6; Orchard Oriole 2; Bullock's Oriole 8; House Finch 2; Lesser Goldfinch 2; American Goldfinch 8; House Sparrow 8.

RIGHTER PUBLISHES BIRD SONGS

Please note the following announcement from Bob Righter, who has led and organized so many wonderful out of state field trips for DFO.

Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology is pleased to announce that at long last "Bird Songs of the Rocky Mountain States and Provinces" has finally been published. In order to display the vocal information for the 250 species for this audio field guide, 3 CDs (and the equivalent in cassette tape) were necessary, representing over 3 hours of listening entertainment.

CLASSES

"Grand Swainson's Hawk Migration, Plus Songbirds Heading South and Prairie Ecology"
Classroom session: Schedule change- no class.
Field trip: Sept. 19, Sunday, full day trip. Offered by Denver Audubon. Fee. Instructor: Tina Jones, 303-794-2647. For registration, call Becky Becker at 303-766-5266.

"Birdwatching: Identification for Beginners and Beyond. Do you know what field marks to look for?"

Classroom sessions: Oct. 19th and 26th (Tuesdays), 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Field trip: Oct. 30th (Sat. all day). Fee. Instructor: Tina Jones 303-794-2647. For registration, call Denver Botanic Gardens 303-370-8019 or 8020.

DFO MEMBER OFFERS YARD VIEWING

DFO members are invited to view songbirds, hummingbirds and habitat at the home of Tina Jones. The yard will be open from July 10-Sept. 30, 1999. Address is 4400 Bow Mar Dr., near Quincy and South Sheridan. Calliope and Black-chinned hummers appear July to Sept. 12. Please park in front of the house on side of Bow Mar Dr. and proceed to back yard. Please use chairs provided to avoid disruption to wildlife. No need to knock, but leave Tina a message at 303-794-2647 to let her know when you will be there.

NEW MEMBERS

Mary Owens
1935 Yukon St.
Lakewood, CO 80215
303-202-6872

Patricia Silvestri
1110 S. Eaton Circle #3E
Castle Rock, CO 80104
303-814-3914

DFO welcomes its new members!
We hope to see you at meetings or on field trips soon!!

FIELD TRIP UPDATES

Special thanks to Jackie King, one of our field trip schedulers, for revising the trip leader instruction sheet, and maintaining the files for future updates. Thanks also to David Laliberte (Field Trip Compilation Editor) for the revision of the DFO Field Trip Report Form, so that it follows the current AOU species order. Please note that a number of species have been relocated

on the form. *Trip leaders should use only the new revised form* to maintain consistency for David. Thank you, leaders, for your assistance in using the new forms, and for leading our trips!

-Karleen Schofield, Scheduler Coordinator

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS DELAYED

Assistant editor Joey Kellner is moving. Due to some understandably hectic days and delays in phone service, Joey was unable to receive all additional reports for July in time for the August

issue deadline. Therefore the September issue will contain both the July and August additional reports.

Please note Joey's new address of
6605 S Arbutus Cir
Apt 1317
Littleton, CO 80127
vireo@ntr.net

Remember, all of the assistant editors' addresses can be found on the left side of page 2 in the *Lark Bunting*.

SEPTEMBER MEETING CANCELLED

Since nobody is able or willing to accept the duties of Vice President no speaker was scheduled for September and the monthly meeting has been cancelled. Dan Bridges and Bob Righter have volunteered to give presentations in October and November, respectively, so we will have our regular membership meetings in October and November.

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE JULY 1999

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	NPW	GMP	PNG	DCC	RMP	PRP	ESL	RED	BMD	GGA	WHR	SPB	MTE	OFG
Pied-billed Grebe			12			2								
Eared Grebe	4													
Western Grebe	25		15											
Clark's Grebe			2											
American White Pelican	27		50					3						
Double-cr. Cormorant	45		50				1	42						
Great Blue Heron	3		5											
Black-cr. Night-Heron	1		1			6								
White-faced Ibis	1													
Turkey Vulture		3		6			2				2	1		
Canada Goose	414		60			6		4						
Wood Duck			1											
Gadwall	22		2											
American Wigeon	15													
Mallard	4		20	6		10	12	10		6				
Blue-winged Teal			5											
Cinnamon Teal	6a,7y		5											
Northern Shoveler	1		10											
Redhead	22		1											
Ring-necked Duck	20													
Lesser Scaup	4													
Common Merganser	2													
Ruddy Duck	20													
Cooper's Hawk				1									1	
Swainson's Hawk	4		10	2										
Red-tailed Hawk	1	2	6	6	4	1		1			3		1	
western races	(1)	(2)												
Ferruginous Hawk			4											
Golden Eagle	5			2	3									
American Kestrel	3		8	4		2	2	4a,4i						
Prairie Falcon			1											
Falcon sp.					1									
Sage Grouse	1f,5y													
American Coot	156		40											
adult	[126]													
young	[30]													
Killdeer	15		12			50		1						
Mountain Plover			7											
American Avocet	11		4											
Greater Yellowlegs	1													
Willet	7													
Spotted Sandpiper	1					2	1							1
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1													
Common Snipe	7		2											
Wilson's Phalarope	8		30											
Franklin's Gull	4		20											

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Bonaparte's Gull			20											
Ring-billed Gull				1		1		2	3					
California Gull	457													
Rock Dove			10	8		30	2	7						
Band-tailed Pigeon							23							
Mourning Dove	3	3	50	20		10	1	10	3		3	1		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			1											
Burrowing Owl			10											
Common Nighthawk	1		3											
White-throated Swift				8				5						
Br.-tailed Hummingbird	7	4		15	3		6			11	2	40+1n	20	
Rufous Hummingbird					2					1				
Hummingbird sp.						1								
Belted Kingfisher	1		2			1		3						
Red-headed Woodpecker			1											
Williamson's Sapsucker		7+n										2		
Red-naped Sapsucker	13			3	4		1							
Downy Woodpecker				2										
Hairy Woodpecker							3			2				
"RockyMountain" race										(2)				
Three-toed Woodpecker							2							
Northern Flicker	3		1	5	2	10	3	8		9	3	3		
"Red-shafted" race	(3)			(5)	(2)	(10)	(3)			(9)				
Western Wood-Pewee	2	6	6	4		10	1	3		1	6	3		
Hammond's Flycatcher				2										
Dusky Flycatcher	1			2										
Cordilleran Flycatcher		3+n		40						8	2	6	3	1
Empidonax sp.										2				
Western Kingbird		2	25	2		1	2		1		1			
Eastern Kingbird			20			10								
Loggerhead Shrike			4											
Plumbeous Vireo				1							5			
Warbling Vireo	5			4						4		3		
Gray Jay							4						5	
Steller's Jay				2			5			12	2	4	2	
Blue Jay			1	1					1					
Western Scrub-Jay				3				3						
Clark's Nutcracker	25				2		1						2	
Black-billed Magpie	62	3	6	25	2	6	3	15	3		5			
American Crow		6	2	10	3		11	2			3	2	9	
Common Raven	6	1		2	1		3	4		1			3	
Horned Lark	10		50		1									
Tree Swallow	4		10		1	10	8							
Violet-green Swallow	20	25		100	2	6	5	30		25	4	20	2	
Bank Swallow			1											
Cliff Swallow	73		50	150		100		2		1	40			

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Barn Swallow	9		50	10				1	1	1	1		1	
Swallow sp.														2
Black-capped Chickadee	1		1	4	2	8	2	7	4	3				
Mountain Chickadee	6	15+y		4	2		8			10	3	7	6	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch					1					2h	1			
White-breasted Nuthatch		7+n		6			1			2h				
Pygmy Nuthatch		5+n		8			2				5			
Brown Creeper				1						1				
Canyon Wren				4				6						
House Wren		8+n	4	5	5	6	3	7	2	2	8	10	1	
Marsh Wren	3													
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5									5		2a,2y	3	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				3		2								
Western Bluebird		2								2				
Mountain Bluebird	3	2		12	1						22a,3y	1		
Townsend's Solitaire							1			1		1	2	
Swainson's Thrush	1h													
Hermit Thrush	2h												3	1
American Robin	17	12+y	10	35	7	20	10	8		15	6	8		1
Gray Catbird				6		1								
Northern Mockingbird			6											
Sage Thrasher	3													
Brown Thrasher			2											
European Starling	1	16	20	10							15		7	
American Pipit					2		9						9	
Virginia's Warbler				4										
Yellow Warbler	11		2	4		15		1			3			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	2					3				2	1		
"Audubon's" race	(2)	(2)					(3)				(2)			
MacGillivray's Warbler				4	4					5				
Common Yellowthroat			6			2								
Wilson's Warbler	3				2		4						3	1
Yellow-breasted Chat				3		1		2						
Western Tanager		1		1							4	4		
Green-tailed Towhee							2				5			
Spotted Towhee				30				18			3			
Cassin's Sparrow			6											
Chipping Sparrow		10+y		2			11				6	2		
Brewer's Sparrow	14		10											
Vesper Sparrow	2	4	2	1							2			
Lark Sparrow			30	1		7								
Lark Bunting			200											
Savannah Sparrow	8			4									1	
Grasshopper Sparrow			2											
Song Sparrow			4	2		20	4			9			3	1
Lincoln's Sparrow	4			2	9		5			6			2	4

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White-crowned Sparrow							10						19	10
Dark-eyed Junco	8	4		5			7			6		1	4	2
"Gray-headed" race	(8)	(4)								(6)				(2)
McCown's Longspur			20											
Chestnut-coll. Longspur			2											
Black-headed Grosbeak			2	2			2	1		2		2		
Blue Grosbeak				1										
Lazuli Bunting				1				4			7			
Indigo Bunting								3						
Red-winged Blackbird	6		100	15		100		1		2	3			
Western Meadowlark	4		50	12		4		5			3			
Yellow-headed Blackbird	41		30											
Brewer's Blackbird	33	2									18	2		
Common Grackle		2	10	35		20	1	10				1		
Great-tailed Grackle			6			10								
Brown-headed Cowbird	5	2	2	50							5	11		
Orchard Oriole			2			2								
Bullock's Oriole			10	7		1		6			2			
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch							2							
Pine Grosbeak							2							
Cassin's Finch							18					1		
House Finch		4	4	4		2	1	11	2		2	1		
Red Crossbill		5+y					5						1m,1f	
Pine Siskin	9	15		12			34			8		12	7	10
Lesser Goldfinch				8		4		3	4		5			
"Green-backed" race								(1)	(1)					
"Black-backed" race						(4)		(2)	(3)					
American Goldfinch	3		2	1		10	2	2	3		2			
House Sparrow	1		50	15			1	2						
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1771	183	1301	771	66	510	252	261	27	165	217	145	121	36
TOTAL SPECIES	77	31	77	69	23	39	49	39	11	30	38	28	26	11

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JULY 1999 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

	# SPECIES	# INDIVIDUALS	# FIELD TRIPS	# OBSERVERS
ALL FIELD TRIPS	155	5,826	14	212
DFO FIELD TRIPS	155	5,307	10	98
TUESDAY BIRDERS	60	519	4	114
IDENTIFIED FORMS	7	N/A	N/A	N/A
UNIDENTIFIED SP.	4	N/A	N/A	N/A
RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)				
Three-toed Woodpecker, Indigo Bunting				

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIPS

✓ Sept. 4, Saturday

Northeast Colorado-Prewitt Resv. (NEC)

Leader: Joey Kellner, (303) 978-1748

Meet leader at 0600 at CDOW, 6060 N.

Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th Ave., go west two blocks to Broadway then north two blocks to parking lot on right. Bring lunch and water.

✓ Sept. 5, Sunday

Roxborough State Park (ROX)

Leader: J.B. Hayes, (303) 798-9683

Meet at 0800 at park visitor center. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass needed.

✓ Sept. 6, Monday (Labor Day)

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leader: Norm Lewis, (303) 988-5544

Meet at 0800 at park nature center. Trip will also include Smith Nature Area and Weld County Wetlands. State Parks Pass required. Full day trip, bring lunch. Will walk about 3-4 miles.

FALL COUNTS

Sept. 9-12, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday

Thursday, Sept. 9

Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR)

Leaders: Tamie Bulow, (303) 462-1238 and Patty Echelmeyer, (303) 233-4947

Meet just inside west gate of park near Cherry Creek High school. Call leader for time. State Parks Pass required.

Sept. 11, Saturday

Waterton, downstream (WAT)

Leader: Hugh Kingery, (303) 814-2723

Meet leader at 0645 at Discovery Pavilion, left turn immediate after turning onto Waterton/Roxborough Rd. and before the CDOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon.

Sept. 11, Saturday

Lower Bear Creek (LBC)

Leader: Bob Spencer, (303) 279-4682

Meet at 0700 at southwest corner of Bear Valley Shopping Center behing Conoco. Shopping center is on the east side of S. Sheridan, north of Hampden (US 285).

Sept. 11, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leader: Dick Schottler, (303) 278-8035

Meet at 0630 at the entrance station. This is a ten-mile, all day hike around the lake. State Parks Pass required.

Sept. 11, Saturday

Chatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader: Joey Kellner, (303) 978-1748

Meet leader at 0630 at swim beach parking lot. State Parks Pass required.

Sept. 12, Sunday

Castlewood Canyon State Park (CAS)

Leader: Randy Lentz, (303) 680-3381

Meet leader at 0630 at old entrance. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown intersection, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Rd., go two miles to old entrance station. State Parks Pass required.

Sept. 12, Sunday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)

Leader: Urling Kingery, (303) 814-2723

Must register with leader in advance as number of observers is limited.

Sept. 12, Sunday

Barr Lake Periphery (BLP)

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 278-1644

Meet at 0630 at intersection of Piccadilly Rd. and Bromley Lane. Count does not involve much walking and is good for people with limited mobility or stamina.

✓ Sept. 18, Saturday

Red Rocks Park & Mt. Falcon Park (RRP)

Leader: Warren Finch, (303) 233-3372

Meet at 0800 at Trading Post in Red Rocks park. Bring lunch and extra water. Full day trip.

Sept. 19, Sunday

Longmont Area (LON)

Leaders: Richard Mendez and Chris Owens, (303) 772-6048

Meet at 0730 at Jim Hamm Nature Center. From I-25, take exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder/Weld County Line Rd., then two miles north to park on left. (Hygiene Rd. or 17th Ave.) Bring lunch and water. Will walk 1 - 1 ½ miles.

Sept. 25, Saturday

Rigli Ranch (RIG)

Leader: Joe Rigli, 1-(970) 432-5200

Meet to carpool at 0700 in the east end of the north parking lot at Denver Museum of Natural History or join group at 0800 at Pepper Pod Restaurant in Hudson. Take Hudson exit off I-76 and turn right onto frontage road. Meet leader at 0900 at ranch. From Hudson go east on CO 52 for approximately 32 miles until it turns north. DO NOT turn north but continue east on Morgan County Rd. F another 14 miles to CR14. Turn left (north) on CR14 and go about two miles to the white house on the left where two boxcars are visible. Full day trip, bring lunch.

Sept. 25, Saturday

Pueblo Area (PUE)

Leader: Brandon Percival, (719) 547-3722

Meet leader at 0730 at Valco Ponds parking lot in Pueblo. Take Hwy 50 (exit 101) from I-25. Go west to Pueblo Blvd., then south to Hwy 96. Go west past Valco Ponds to gravel parking lot on the right, immediately west of the ponds. Full day trip with several miles of walking. State Parks Pass required for Pueblo Resv. Hotels available in Pueblo for Friday and Saturday nights.

Sept. 26, Sunday

Southeastern Colorado (SEC)

Leader: Brandon Percival, (719) 547-3722

Meet at 0700 in the northeast side of K-Mart parking lot, at the southwest intersection of Hwy

50 West and Elizabeth Street (Exit 101 off I-25) in Pueblo. We will bird the riparian areas and lakes in Otero and Crowley Counties (about 60 miles east of Pueblo) or Ft. Lyon and Adobe Creek Resv., Bent County (about 100 miles east of Pueblo) depending on water levels and recent locations of birds. Full day trip, bring lunch, water, bug spray, rubber boots. Also bring walkie-talkies if you have them.

Sept. 26, Sunday

Chatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader: Bob Brown, (303) 791-6204

Meet leader at 0700 just inside west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth Blvd. Entrance station is approximately 1 ½ miles south of C-470. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional.

Oct. 2, Saturday

South Platte River and Adams County (SPR)

Leader: David Laliberte, (303) 297-1390

Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot at Denver Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch. Moderate walking looking for late migrants.

Oct. 3, Sunday

Hutton Lake NWR (HUT)

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 287-1644

The refuge is near Laramie, WY. Meet leader at 0700 at east end of north parking lot at Denver Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch and drinks for extra long day. Four-wheel drive or high clearance vehicle needed. Call leader for carpooling.

September trip scheduler: Lynn Wilcockson

October trip scheduler: Patty Echelmeyer



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 6
Program: "Birding in Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands"
Speaker: Dan Bridges

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY AUGUST 1999

August 1, Sunday (LWY)
Laramie, Wyoming Areas: Lake Hutton
Leader: Jackie King.
Observers: Marlene Andrews, Tammy Ellsworth, Dave O'Reilly, Jamie O'Reilly, Ira Sanders, Amy Young. **Time:** 0700-1930.
Distance: 350.0 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot.
Habitats: riparian, plains, mountains; elev. 5,000'-8,000'. **Weather:** overcast & foggy A.M., clearing P.M.; wind NW, 5-10 mph; temp. 62-82°F. **Totals:** 81 species, 1293 individuals.

August 4, Wednesday (GEO)
Georgetown, Echo Lake, Empire
Leader: Tina Jones.
Observers: Ruth Schoening, Amy Young.
Time: 0730-1500. **Distance:** 24.0 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, meadows, conifer, aspen parklands; elev. 7,800'-10,800'.
Weather: clear to cloudy; wind direction variable, 0-10 mph; temp. 60-75°F. **Totals:** 59 species, 385 individuals.

August 7, Saturday (BMP)
Boulder Mountain Parks
Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster.

Observers: George Armbrust, Ferd Kirckx, Jo Kirckx, Peggy Gonder, Dick Moore, Jean Morgan, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0800-1330. **Distance:** 15.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** foothills, riparian, coniferous forest, feeders; elev. 5,600'-6,900'. **Weather:** partly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 70-75°F. **Totals:** 37 species, 154 individuals.

August 8, Sunday (REP)
Reynolds Park
Leaders: Betty and Harold Oliver.
Observers: Doris Cruz, Alberta Nelson, Dwight Williams, Marilyn Williams (from TX). **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 1.0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** foothills, mountain meadow, conifer forest; elev. 7,800'. **Weather:** clear; wind 0 mph; temp. 72-83°F. **Totals:** 15 species, 71 individuals.

August 11, Wednesday (MFP)
Mt. Falcon Park, Indian Hills
Leader: David Laliberte.
Observers: Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Warren Roske. **Time:** 0730-1230. **Distance:** 26.7 miles by car, 1.25 miles on foot. **Habitats:** transition zone, lower montane, creeks & ponds. **Weather:** clear to partly cloudy; wind NW, 0-16, gusting to

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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29 mph; temp. temp. 58-81°F. Totals: 33 species, 268 individuals.

August 14, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ed Holub.

Observers: Jeannie Konicki, Les Konicki, Bob Menter, Elaine Menter. **Time:** 0630-1215.

Distance: 15.0 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.

Habitats: riparian, lake, marsh, plains; elev.

5,600'. **Weather:** partly cloudy; wind 0 mph; temp. temp. 55-83°F. Totals: 46 species, 428 individuals.

August 15, Sunday (RSP)

Roxborough State Park

Leader: Doris Cruze.

Observers: Jodi Doster, Beverlee Guild, Lynne Jordan, Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Jennifer Santillano, Barbara Shissler, Frank Shissler, Peggy Williams, Dennis Wojcicki. **Time:** 0800-1030. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 2.4 miles on foot. **Habitats:** Gambel's Oak, open grasslands; elev. 6,259'. **Weather:** cloudy; wind S, SW, 5-10 mph; temp. 60-70°F. Totals: 23 species, 142 individuals.

August 21, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe.

Observers: Beverlee Guild, Jeannie Konicki, Les Konicki (from CA), Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian; elev. 5,000'.

Weather: partly cloudy to cloudy; wind calm; temp. 60-80°F. Totals: 40 species, 306 individuals.

August 22, Sunday (GGC)

Golden Gate Canyon Road and State Park

Leader: Karleen Schofield.

Observers: George Armbrust, Smokey Charis (from NM), Bob Frager, Terri Frager (from FL), Jean Morgan. **Time:** 0715-1500. **Distance:** 45.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** canyon, foothills, riparian, montane, wetlands, meadows; elev. 5,700'-8,600'. **Weather:** sunny

to cloudy; wind E, 0-2 mph; temp. 59-84°F.

Totals: 41 species, 193 individuals.

August 22, Sunday (WGB)

Wheatridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon.

Observers: Dave Compton, Regina Reynolds, Bob Spencer, Shirley Spencer. **Time:** 1730-2000. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian; elev. 5,200'. **Weather:** clear; wind 0; temp. 82°F. **Totals:** 19 species, 359 individuals.

August 28, Saturday (GUP)

Guanella Pass, Bailey, Georgetown

Leader: Bob Spencer.

Observers: Jeannie Konicki, Les Konicki, David Laliberte, Jean Morgan, David Quesenberry, Joe Seals (CA), Amy Young. **Time:** 0800-1330.

Distance: 25.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Habitats: streams, willows, conifer woods, montane meadows; elev. 7,000'-11,000'.

Weather: cloudy, heavy rain after 1:30pm; wind SW, 1-5mph; temp. 60 to 70°F. **Totals:** 23 species, 54 individuals.

August 29, Sunday (PSR)

Prewitt & Stoneham Reservoirs

Leader: John Vanderpoel.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, George Armbrust, Marge Burgess, Tammy Ellsworth, Jeannie Konicki, Les Konicki, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Dave Quesenberry, Ira Sanders, Debra Sparr, Chris Stoner, Doug Wallace, Ru Wing, Amy Young, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0645-1600. **Distance:** 255.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Weather:** sunny; little wind; temp. 90°F. **Totals:** 62 species, 1106 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

August 3, Tuesday (MGP)

Morrison, Grant, Guanella Pass to Georgetown.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 17. **Time:** 0830-1500. **Distance:** 100 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, deciduous & conifer woodlands, tundra; elev. 5,800'-11,669'. **Weather:** partly cloudy; wind light breeze; temp. 60-69°F. **Totals:** 27 species, 193 individuals.

August 10, Tuesday (CKP)

Conifer, Kenosha Pass, pond & west on Colorado Trail.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 20. **Time:** 0830-1430. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** ponds, conifer, aspen woodland, grassy meadows; elev. 10,400'. **Weather:** sunny; wind calm; temp. 55-80°F. **Totals:** 29 species, 98 individuals.

August 17, Tuesday (EME)

Evergreen Lake, Mt. Evans Elk Mgmt Wildlife Area-Ground Hog Flats Grass Crk Trail.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 23. **Time:** 0830-1400. **Distance:** 16.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, conifer, aspen; elev. 7,040'-8,600'. **Weather:** overcast to sunny to partly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 57-72°F. **Totals:** 38 species, 181 individuals.

August 24, Tuesday (ELM)

Evergreen Lake & Maxwell Falls.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 27. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 8.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** lake, marsh, conifer, aspen, riparian; elev. 7,500'-9,000'. **Weather:** sunny to partly cloudy; wind light breeze; temp. 66-75°F. **Totals:** 29 species, 140 individuals.

August 31, Tuesday (ISC)

Idaho Springs to Chicago Creek Campground Rd-Hell's Hole Trail.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 20. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 2.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** mountain riparian, deciduous & conifer woodlands, tundra; elev. 7,800'-10,597'. **Weather:** mostly sunny; wind S 5-10 mph; temp. 69-73°F. **Totals:** 18 species, 72 individuals.

Monna Krebs (compiler)

CLASSES

"Grand Swainson's Hawk Migration, Plus Songbirds Heading South and Prairie Ecology" Field trip: Sept. 19, Sunday, full day trip. Offered by Denver Audubon. Fee. Instructor: Tina Jones,

303-794-2647. For registration, call Becky Becker at 303-766-5266.

"Colorado Owl and Raptor Identification"

Classroom session: Dec. 2 (Th.) 7:00 P.M.

Field trip: Dec. 4 (Sat.) 8:30-4:30. Fee. Tina Jones. Registration same as hawk trip above.

"Birdwatching: Identification for Beginners and Beyond. Do you know what field marks to look for?"

Classroom sessions: Oct. 19th and 26th (Tuesdays), 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Field trip: Oct. 30th (Sat. all day). Fee. Instructor: Tina Jones 303-794-2647. For registration, call Denver Botanic Gardens 303-370-8019 or 8020. Mention Course #NH101.

DFO MEMBER OFFERS YARD VIEWING

DFO members are invited to view songbirds, hummingbirds and habitat at the home of Tina Jones. The yard will be open from July 10-Sept. 30, 1999. Address is 4400 Bow Mar Dr., near Quincy and South Sheridan. Calliope and Black-chinned hummers appear July to Sept. 12. Please park in front of the house on side of Bow Mar Dr. and proceed to back yard. Please use chairs provided to avoid disruption to wildlife. No need to knock, but leave Tina a message at 303-794-2647 to let her know when you will be there.

FALL BIRDING FESTIVAL AT BARR LAKE

The public is invited to attend the **Barr Lake Fall Birding Festival**, a community festival celebrating Colorado's migratory songbirds at Barr Lake State Park on Saturday, September 25, 1999.

Families, birders, and non-birders alike can enjoy a variety of events that will begin with bird walks at dawn and run until 3 p.m.:

- Bird walks for beginning birders and advanced birders, led by local bird experts
- Bird Banding demonstrations
- Educational activities about birds for children
- Information booths

Proceeds from the festival will benefit Barr Lake prairie restoration projects. The entry fee to Barr Lake State Park is \$4 per vehicle.

MIGRATORY MADNESS 99

The Colorado Bird Observatory announces an auction and celebration in support of their plan to migrate headquarters to the Old Stone House at Barr Lake. The auction will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 9th, 1999 at the Tattered Cover BookStore, LoDo. You are invited to make tax-deductible contributions of auction items valued at \$25 or more. Contributed items and donors' names will be listed in the event program. To donate your auction items, or to assist during the auction, please leave a message on the CBO Education Hotline, (303)637-9220. A member of the Auction Committee will contact you.

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DFO welcomes its new members!
We hope to see you at meetings or on field trips soon!!

FIELD TRIP UPDATES

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica" 2/25/00-3/10/00. Trip limited to 10 participants (non-smokers only, please). Contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 4250 Busby Dr. #312, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661 for information.

Birding in SE Arizona? DFO members are invited to contact Dieter Kamm (see above) for local birding information or to join him for a birding trip in the area.

Special thanks to Jackie King, one of our field trip schedulers, for revising the trip leader instruction sheet, and maintaining the files for future updates. Thanks also to David Laliberte (Field Trip Compilation Editor) for the revision of the DFO Field Trip Report Form, so that it follows the current AOU species order. Please note that a number of species have been relocated on the form. ***Trip leaders should use only the new revised form*** to maintain consistency for David. Thank you, leaders, for your assistance in using the new forms, and for leading our trips!

-Karleen Schofield, Scheduler Coordinator

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

July Additional Reports

Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
BROWN PELICAN	7/13		1a 1i	Adobe Creek Res.	Bent	Brandon Percival
BROWN PELICAN	7/24		1a	John Martin Res.	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Common Merganser	7/13		1f	Adobe Creek Res.	Bent	Brandon Percival (unusual in summer in s.e. Colorado)
Broad-winged Hawk	7/4		1i	Castlewood Canyon	Douglas	Louie Dombroski
LAUGHING GULL	7/6		1 2nd year	Adobe Creek Res.,	Bent	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman)
LAUGHING GULL	7/24		1a alt	John Martin Res.	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL	7/24		1a alt	John Martin Res.	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Caspian Tern	7/24		2a alt	John Martin Res.	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE	7/6		1a	Vineland	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman
Purple Martin	7/1		2m	10 miles south of Craig	Moffat	Dan Bridges
Grace's Warbler	7/12		1a	Babcock Hole, near Wetmore	Custer	Brandon Percival, Peter Gaede
Ovenbird	7/3		1s	Rye Mountain Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson
Ovenbird	7/12		2a and 1i	Babcock Hole, near Wetmore	Custer	Brandon Percival, Peter Gaede

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, alt = Alternate Plumage (i.e. breeding)

August Additional Reports

Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
Common Loon	8/5		4	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones, Chris Wood
Pacific Loon	8/10		1basic	Baseline Reservoir	Boulder	Chris Wood, Joey Kellner
Least Bittern	8/6		1h	John Martin Marsh	Bent	Chris Wood, Steve Stachowiak, Joey Kellner
Little Blue Heron	8/15		1 subadult	Lochbuie Exit of I-76	Weld	Karleen Schofield
Brown Pelican	8/7		1a	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Chris Wood, Steve Stachowiak, Joey Kellner
Black Rail	8/6		3h	Fort Lyon Marsh	Bent	Chris Wood, Steve Stachowiak, Joey Kellner
Laughing X Ring-billed Gull	8/7		1-1st yr	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Chris Wood, Steve Stachowiak, Joey Kellner
Great Black-backed Gull	8/7		1a	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Chris Wood, Steve Stachowiak, Joey Kellner
Magnificent Hummingbird	8/10		1f	Flagstaff Mountain, Boulder	Boulder	Chris Wood, Joey Kellner
Black-chinned Hummingbird	8/9	- 8/30	1f, 1i,m	4400 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton	Denver	Tina Jones
Calliope Hummingbird	8/10		1m, 1f	Flagstaff Mountain, Boulder	Boulder	Chris Wood, Joey Kellner
Calliope Hummingbird	8/1	- 8/30	up to 6 diff. birds	4400 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton	Denver	Tina Jones
White-eyed Vireo	8/25		1a	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Purple Martin	8/18		10	North of Debeque	Garfield	Norm Erthal
Golden-winged Warbler	8/24		1m	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Townsend's Warbler	8/15		3m	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Chris Wood, Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Todd Dilley
Chestnut-sided warbler	8/19		1	Lair 'o the Bear Park	Jefferson	Norm Lewis
Ovenbird	8/25		1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Northern Waterthrush	8/19	- 8/20	1	Belmar Historic Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Northern Waterthrush	8/25		1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield

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	1	4	7	8	11	14	15	21	22	22	28	29		3	10	17	24	31
	LWY	GEO	BMP	REP	MFP	CSP	RSP	BAR	GGC	WGB	GUP	PSR		MGP	CKP	EME	ELM	ISC
Common Loon	1																	
Pied-billed Grebe								1		2					1			
Bared Grebe	33																	
Western Grebe	2											18						
American White Pelican	29							9				2						
Double-crested Cormorant	11				1	5	4	8		34		3				3	5	
American Bittern	1																	
Great Blue Heron	4	1				1		2				8						
Green Heron	2																	
Black-cr. Night-Heron	9																	
White-faced Ibis	33																	
Turkey Vulture	1	5	4		4				1			1			2		1	1
Canada Goose	32					30	6	59		87		6		11				
Wood Duck						1												
Gadwall	2																	
Mallard	15	2			13	15		17	4	85		15		16	3	15	18	
Blue-winged Teal												30						
Cinnamon Teal	4											10						
Northern Shoveler												10						
Green-winged Teal												15						
Canvasback	1																	
Redhead	3																	
Ring-necked Duck															1			
Bufflehead																1		
Common Merganser						3												
Ruddy Duck	3																	
Osprey												1						
Bald Eagle								2a2i										
Northern Harrier	6											1						
Swainson's Hawk	19				1a	1		2				25						

OBSERVATION LEGEND: a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, (ff)=a family feeding,
b=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare & unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated

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	LWY	GEO	BMP	REP	MFP	CSP	RSP	BAR	GGC	WGB	GUP	PSR		MGP	CKP	EME	ELM	ISC
Red-tailed Hawk	4	1	1		4	1			3		3	1		4	2	1		1
western races		(1)				(1)					(3)							
Ferruginous Hawk	6																	
Buteo sp.		1												1				
Golden Eagle	4		1				2								1			
American Kestrel	11		1			1	1	5	2			4		1				
Prairie Falcon	1						2											
Wild Turkey			5		1													
Northern Bobwhite												6						
Sora	1							2										
American Coot	65							3				3			8			
Killdeer	3	2				3		3a3y				10						
American Avocet	24											50+						
Lesser Yellowlegs												3						
Willet	6																	
Spotted Sandpiper						1						2					1	
Long-billed Curlew	1																	
Least Sandpiper												8						
Baird's Sandpiper	1											150						
Pectoral Sandpiper												3						
Silt Sandpiper												19						
Long-billed Dowitcher	4																	
Common Snipe																4	5	
Wilson's Phalarope	7											100+						
Franklin's Gull	5					1						300+						
Ring-billed Gull	21				1	14		1		2		30+						
California Gull	95	4				4												
Common Tern												1						
Forster's Tern	6																	
Black Tern												13						

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	1 LWY	4 GEO	7 BMP	8 REP	11 MFP	14 CSP	15 RSP	21 BAR	22 GGC	22 WGB	28 GUP	29 PSR	3 MGP	10 CKP	17 EME	24 ELM	31 ISC	
Rock Dove	103	42			11		6		4	8		10	1				2	
Band-tailed Pigeon		26																
Mourning Dove	65	12				7	4	18		7		50+						
Common Nighthawk	4											1						
Chimney Swift												3						
White-throated Swift					2													
Magnificent Hummingbird			1f															
Calliope Hummingbird		4	1								1f							
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		33	15	21	7	3	15		18		6		17	5	5	5	6	
Rufous Hummingbird		12																
Belted Kingfisher		1		1		3		3		1		6				1		
Red-headed Woodpecker												5						
Sapsucker sp.				1														
Downy Woodpecker	2	3					1	2			1	2		1		1	1	
"Rocky Mountain" race		(3)									(1)							
Hairy Woodpecker		2			1am				1						1m, 1f			
"Rocky Mountain" race		(2)							(1)									
Northern Flicker	1	6	3			6	7	8	1	1	6	5	5	2	3	3		
"Yellow-shafted" race												(5)						
"Red-shafted" race		(6)	(3)			(6)	(7)		(1)	(1)	(6)							
Olive-sided Flycatcher								1							2			
Western Wood-Pewee		1	3	1	1h	20		2	2		2	6		6	1			
Hammond's Flycatcher			1															
Dusky Flycatcher	1	3													1			
Cordilleran Flycatcher		6(f)	2			2			1				4	1	2	1		
Empidonax sp.					1	1								2	3			
Say's Phoebe	2																	
Western Kingbird	8					2	2	6				3	1					
Eastern Kingbird						1		14				15						
Loggerhead Shrike						1												

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	1	4	7	8	11	14	15	21	22	22	28	29	3	10	17	24	31	
	LWY	GEO	BMP	REP	MFP	CSP	RSP	BAR	GGC	WGB	GUP	PSR	MGP	CKP	EME	ELM	ISC	
Plumbeous Vireo					2a, 1y										5			
Warbling Vireo		2		3										1a, 2y				
Gray Jay		1																
Steller's Jay	1	7	4	9	8				14		5		3	2	3	1	2	
Blue Jay	2							1				15						
Western Scrub-Jay							16											
Clark's Nutcracker	1	2									2h			1	4		1	
Black-billed Magpie	6	10	3	1	7	20	2	6	21		2	2	3	2				
American Crow	7	5	2		5	1	8		4	1	3		11	5	8	7	4	
Common Raven	4	7	4		1		4				1			2		1		
Horned Lark	21											14						
Tree Swallow		15	5												1	2		
Violet-green Swallow		2	20	5	65		35		8				9	4	1			
No. Rough-winged Swallow						20												
Cliff Swallow	20	1											61			2		
Barn Swallow	26	9	10			7		25	4	9		30			12	6	20	
Black-capped Chickadee	2	10	4	9		8	10	7	2	5		6						
Mountain Chickadee		4	10	2	13				4				4	18	3	14	6	
Red-breasted Nuthatch		3	1	1	6				1						4	1	1	
White-breasted Nuthatch			2		5	2			1						4	2		
Pygmy Nuthatch		4	5		18				3		2h				15			
Brown Creeper			1		2									2	3	1		
Rock Wren									3									
Canyon Wren							3		1									
House Wren		2	1	6	6a, 1j	10		5	2			2			1			
Marsh Wren	12											1						
American Dipper				1														
Golden-crowned Kinglet		1														6		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet															1			
Eastern Bluebird														3				

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	LWY	GEO	BMP	REP	MFP	CSP	RSP	BAR	GGC	WGB	GUP	PSR		MGP	CKP	EME	ELM	ISC
Mountain Bluebird adult immature	3	5			37 3m,8f 26i				22					9		2		
Townsend's Solitaire											1					1a,1y		
American Robin	5	12	6			1		4	2	2	6			5	1	21	2	5
Gray Catbird			2						1									
Northern Mockingbird												2						
Sage Thrasher	3																	
Brown Thrasher												1						
European Starling	63	6			5	125		24		72				7				
Orange-crowned Warbler								1										
Virginia's Warbler									3							1		
Yellow Warbler	3					20		8		1	1	2						2
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Myrtle" race "Audubon's" race	1	3	1		2				1						3	8	2	8 (8)
Townsend's Warbler		(3)													1	2		
MacGillivray's Warbler		1									1					2		
Common Yellowthroat						5												
Wilson's Warbler		3							1		2			1		1		3
Yellow-breasted Chat						1			3									
Western Tanager			3					1										
Green-tailed Towhee	12	3			1i													
Spotted Towhee			8			1	4		8									
Cassin's Sparrow	1																	
Chipping Sparrow	23	1	5	4	3a,16i				2		2					2		
Clay-colored Sparrow												3						
Brewer's Sparrow												10						
Vesper Sparrow	7							1	2									
Lark Sparrow	9	2				5					1	4		1				

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	LWY	GEO	BMP	REP	MFP	CSP	RSP	BAR	GGC	WGB	GUP	PSR		MGP	CKP	EME	ELM	ISC
Lark Bunting	47											6						
Song Sparrow		5		2				1		2	2						1	
Lincoln's Sparrow		3							5i									
White-crowned Sparrow Dark lored races		6 (6)												2				
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race	4	6 (6)	4 (4)						7 (7)		1 (1)			5 (5)	11	1	2	5 (5)
McCown's Longspur	6																	
Chestnut-collared Longspur	2																	
Black-headed Grosbeak		3	1															
Blue Grosbeak								2										
Lazuli Bunting						4			2									
Indigo Bunting						2												
Red-winged Blackbird	220	6					2	26				6		2	4	30	40	
Western Meadowlark	18					10	1		1			8		2				
Yellow-headed Blackbird	25																6i	
Brewer's Blackbird	2	1				25		2										
Common Grackle	20	7				1		9		5								
Brown-headed Cowbird	7						2								2			
Orchard Oriole												2						
Bullock's Oriole						10		6				3						
Pine Grosbeak		2																
Cassin's Finch		9												4				
House Finch	4	14	8		1m,2f	1		1	4									3
Red Crossbill																		
Pine Siskin		18			2h				3		1h			2	1	1	2	
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race "Black-backed" race			2		3 (1m)	8 (x) (x)			18									1 (1)

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	LWY	GEO	BMP	REP	MFP	CSP	RSP	BAR	GGC	WGB	GUP	PSR	MGP	CKP	EME	ELM	ISC
American Goldfinch	2		4	4		14	5		3	7		20					
Evening Grosbeak		1															
House Sparrow	42	16			8	512		3		28	2	15				1	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1293	385	154	71	268	428	142	386	193	359	54	1106	193	98	181	140	72
TOTAL SPECIES	81	59	37	15	33	46	23	40	41	19	23	62	27	29	38	29	18

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AUGUST 1999 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT	
ALL FIELD TRIPS	166	5,443	17	201	97.25	882.70	29.15	
DFO FIELD TRIPS	158	4,759	12	89	71.75	756.70	20.15	
TUESDAY BIRDERS	69	684	5	112	25.50	126.00	9.00	
IDENTIFIED FORMS	11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
UNIDENTIFIED SP.	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)
Common Tern, Magnificent Hummingbird, Indigo Bunting

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS

Oct. 2, Saturday

South Platte River and Adams County
(SPR)

Leader: David Laliberte, (303) 297-1390

Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot at Denver Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch. Moderate walking looking for late migrants.

Oct. 3, Sunday

Hutton Lake NWR (HUT)

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 287-1644

The refuge is near Laramie, WY. Meet leader at 0700 at east end of north parking lot at Denver Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch and drinks for extra long day. Four-wheel drive or high clearance vehicle needed. Call leader for carpooling.

Oct. 9, Saturday

Lair o' the Bear, Jefferson County Open Space Park (LOB)

Leader: Karleen Schofield (303) 936-8661

Meet leader at 0800 at Park 'n Ride on east side of Union Blvd. just south of W. 6th Ave. Bring lunch. Three-four miles of easy walking. Foothills birds.

Oct. 10, Sunday

Chatfield Arboretum (CAR)

Leader: Jeff Hertzog, (303) 904-2008

Meet at 0800 at S. Wadsworth and Deer Creek Canyon Rd. (First traffic light south of C-470 on S. Wadsworth.) Enthusiastic new leader. Half day trip, lunch optional.

Oct. 16, Saturday

Big Dry Creek Open Space (BDC)

Leader: Norm Lewis, (303) 988-5544

Meet at 0800 at far west parking lot of Front Range Comm. College, north side of 112th Ave., ½ mile west of Federal Blvd. Bring lunch. Walk four-five miles on easy trail.

Oct. 17, Sunday

Longmont Area (LON)

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, (303) 772-6048

Meet at 0800 at Jim Hamm Park. Take I-25 to exit 240. Go west on CO 119 about four miles to Weld CR1, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park. Full day trip, bring lunch.

Oct. 23, Saturday

Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR)

Leader: Steve Stachowiak, (303) 791-4974

Meet leader at 0730 just inside west gate of park. Go east from S. Yosemite on Union-east of Cherry Creek High School. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

Oct. 24, Sunday

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WRG)

Leader: Mort Staatz, (303) 279-6169

Meet at 0800 at Prospect Lake Park, south of W. 44th Ave., just east of Robb St. Half day trip, lunch optional.

Oct. 30, Saturday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)

Leader: Ed Holub, (303) 979-2194

Call leader to register. Number of observers is limited. Eagles and owls are possibilities.

Oct. 31, Sunday—Daylight Savings Time ends!

South Suburban Park, Carson Nature Center
(SSP)

Leader: Sue Schulman, (303) 773-3540

Meet leader at 0800 at the Nature Center. From the intersection of Santa Fe and Mineral go west about ½ block to the right turn into the park. If time permits, we'll do McClelland Reservoir. Half day trip, lunch optional.

October trip scheduler: Patty Echelmeyer



THE LARK BUNTING

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 3

Program: "Bird Songs of the Rocky Mountain States and Provinces audio field guide"

Speaker: Bob Righter

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 1999

September 4, Saturday (NEC)

*Northeast Colorado-Prewitt Reservoir -
Stoneham, Crow Valley C.G, Lower Latham
Reservoir.*

Leader: Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Todd Dilly, Tammy Ellsworth, Norm Erthal, Warren Finch, Carol Fredricks, Ken Fredricks, Beverlee Guild, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Jack Reddall, Ira Sanders, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Glenn Walbek, Ru Wing. **Time:** 0600-1730. **Distance:** 300.0 miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** shortgrass prairie, plains, riparian, shallow water in fields, cattail marsh. **Weather:** clear to mostly clear; some hail on ground from earlier storm at Prewitt; wind none, calm; temp. 57-74°F.

Totals: 93 Species, 1636 Individuals.

September 5, Sunday (ROX)

Roxborough State Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes. **Observers:** K.C. Baker, Marilyn Brenengen, Dave Compton, Marta Deutman, Tammy Ellsworth, Bob Menter, Elaine Menter, Ira Sanders, Jim Tyler. **Time:** 0800-1230. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** foothills - scrub, meadows, rocky slopes, riparian; elev. 6,200'. **Weather:** clear,

bright, sunny; wind calm; temp. 52-72°F. **Totals:** 39 Species, 194 Individuals.

September 6, Monday (Labor Day) (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park and Morgan Smith Nature Preserve

Leader: Norm Lewis. **Observers:** Debra Bogar, Bob Bowling, Rhonda Bowling, Marilyn Brenengen, Ethan Carr, Dave Compton, Jim Duggan, Beverlee Guild, Dave Quesenberry, Toni Rautus, Ruth Shoening, Kort Utley, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen, Debbie Westbrook. **Time:** 0800-1600. **Distance:** 10.0 miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** lake, riparian, prairie, marsh, woodland;. **Weather:** clear and sunny; wind variable 0-10 mph; temp. 55-80°F. **Totals:** 58 Species, 942 Individuals.

September 18, Saturday (RRP)

Red Rocks Park & Mt. Falcon Park

Leader: Warren Finch. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Bob DeBoer, Queta Deboer, Dianna Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Jim Michel, Barbara Thomas. **Time:** 0800-1500. **Distance:** 15.0 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** foothills-juniper, deciduous trees; elev. 6,225'(RRP); mountain-conifer; elev. 7,850' (MFP). **Weather:** partly cloudy; wind N, 0-5

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mph; temp. 45-75°F. Totals: 31 Species, 211 Individuals.

September 19, Sunday (LON)

Longmont Area

Leaders: Richard Mendez and Chris Owens.

Observers: Carolyn Cooley, Dianna Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Laurie Mazzola, Lou Mazzola, Dick Pratt, Ru Wing, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0730-1500. **Distance:** 34.0 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot. **Habitats:** plains (water bodies and fields); elev. 4,900'. **Weather:** rainy and overcast; wind variable, 0-5 mph; temp. 50°F. **Totals:** 60 Species, 3728 Individuals.

September 25, Saturday (RIG)

Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli. **Observers:** Beverlee Guild, Sharon Hines, Kort Utley, Shelley Young, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0800-1500. **Distance:** 15.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** short- & long-grass prairie, riparian woodlands, ponds, creeks, fields; elev. 4,330'. **Weather:** cool (a.m.), calm, sunny, clear to warm, sunny, partly cloudy; wind NW, 0-20 mph; temp. 50-90°F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 179 Individuals.

September 25, Saturday (PUE)

Pueblo Area, including Valco Ponds, Rock Canyon, Pueblo City Park, Pueblo Reservoir, State Wildlife Area on the south side of Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo West.

Leader: Brandon Percival. **Observers:** Kitty Albee, Marlene Andrews, Bob Bierling, Maggie Boswell, Richard Bunn, Bob Dickson, Lisa Edwards (Kansas), Bob Frager, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, BB Hahn, Dona Hilkey, Dave Johnson, Stan Oswald, Tony Oswald, Karleen Schofield, Carrie Schoomer, Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0630-1700. **Distance:** 63.0 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** plains; elev. 4,000'-5,000'. **Weather:** clear; wind V, 0-20 mph; temp. 50-91°F. **Totals:** 80 Species, 1022 Individuals.

September 26, Sunday (SEC)
Southeastern Colorado, including Pueblo to Rocky Ford, Rocky Ford SWA, Lake Holbrook, La Junta, Lake Cheraw, Lake Henry, Lake Meredith.

Leaders: Brandon Percival and Mark Janos.
Observers: Kitty Albee, Marlene Andrews, Bob Bierling, Maggie Boswell, Lisa Edwards (Kansas), Bob Frager, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Gregg Goodrich, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, BB Hahn, Dodie Hiatt, Dona Hilkey, Paul Hurtado, Dave Johnson, Marie Lee, Suke Lee, Stan Oswald, Joe Roller, Rosemary Scheuring, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer, Glenn Walbek. **Time:** 0700-1600. **Distance:** 210.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** plains, lakes and riparian areas; elev. 4,066'-4,695'. **Weather:** clear, wind V, 0-5 mph; temp. 50-75°F. **Totals:** 103 Species, 6013 Individuals.

September 26, Sunday (CHA)
Chatfield State Park

Leader: Bob Brown. **Observers:** Ron Carter, Carolyn Cooley, Dianna Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Joey Kellner, Kristyn Kellner, Jim Michel, Bob Richter. **Time:** 0700-1115. **Distance:** 8.0 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, open reservoir; elev. 5,300'. **Weather:** overcast to partly cloudy, cool; wind variable 0-5 mph; temp. 38-45°F. **Totals:** 50 Species, 285 Individuals

TUESDAY BIRDERS

September 7, Tuesday (BSP)
Barr Lake S.P. & bird banding station.
Leader: Nelda Gamble & Ann Bonnell.
Observers: 26. **Time:** 0700-1130. **Distance:** 2.0 miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** prairie, reservoir, deciduous woods, agriculture; elev. 5,100'. **Weather:** clear; wind NE, 7-10 mph; temp. 60-73°F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 536 Individuals.

September 14, Tuesday (LOB)
Lair o'the Bear Jeffco Open Space Park.
Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 45. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, deciduous & conifer

woods; elev. 6,530'. **Weather:** clear; wind variable 0-5 mph; temp. 60-65°F. **Totals:** 35 Species, 169 Individuals.

September 21, Tuesday (KBH)
Kenosha Pass, Boreas Pass, Breckenridge, Hoosier Pass.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 13. **Time:** 0830 -1500. **Distance:** 140.0 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** alpine tundra, deciduous & conifer woods, open parks, ponds & mtn lakes; elev. 9,796'-11,480'. **Weather:** sunny; wind variable, 3-15 mph; temp. 45-55°F. **Totals:** 17 Species, 117 Individuals.

September 28, Tuesday
Canceled due to inclement weather.

Monna Krebs (compiler)

CLASSES

"Colorado Owl and Raptor Identification: ID Clues Not Found in Field Guides" Classroom session: Dec. 2 (Th.) 7:00 P.M.
Field trip: Dec. 4 (Sat.) 8:30-4:30. Fee.
Instructor: Tina Jones 303-794-2647.
Registration, Becky Becker 303-766-5266.

"Birdwatching: Identification for Beginners and Beyond. Do you know what field marks to look for?"

Classroom sessions: Oct. 19th and 26th (Tuesdays), 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Field trip: Oct. 30th (Sat. all day). Fee. Instructor: Tina Jones 303-794-2647. For registration, call Denver Botanic Gardens 303-370-8019 or 8020. Mention Course #NH101.

NEW MEMBERS

Lou Mazzola
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DFO welcomes its new members!
We hope to see you at meetings or on field trips soon!!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Educational Endowment Fund
Catherine Hurlbutt

Ruth Wheeler Fund (Memorial Bench)
Ann Bonnell
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RUTH WHEELER MEMORIAL BENCH

We finally have a bench! Ruth's bench has been installed at Roxborough State Park, her favorite birding spot. The bench is located in a small garden in front of the visitor center, and has great views of the red rocks and enclosed valley. Many thanks to Ann Bonnell for handling the acquisition of the bench, and to Susie Trumble, Park Manager, for her assistance in reserving a location and installing the bench. We also very much appreciate the efforts of the DFO committee who initiated the memorial effort- Suzi Plooster, Patty Echelmeyer and Warren Finch. The Board of Directors for DFO had designated \$300 toward expenses, and we have received a generous donation of \$100 from the Tuesday Birders. The actual cost of the bench and plaque will be about \$800 (the plaque has not been acquired yet- we are still investigating options), so it is hoped that we can make up the difference in donations. If you wish to contribute to this effort, please direct your check to Glenn Hageman, and make sure he knows that it is for the Ruth Wheeler Memorial. If there are any questions, please call Norm Lewis at 303-988-5544.

FIELD TRIP UPDATES

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica" 2/25/00-3/10/00. Trip limited to 10 participants (non-smokers only, please). Contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 4250 Busby Dr. #312, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661 for information.

Birding in SE Arizona? DFO members are invited to contact Dieter Kamm (see above) for local birding information or to join him for a birding trip in the area.

Special thanks to Jackie King, one of our field trip schedulers, for revising the trip leader instruction sheet, and maintaining the files for future updates. Thanks also to David Laliberte (Field Trip Compilation Editor) for the revision of the DFO Field Trip Report Form, so that it follows the current AOU species order. Please note that a number of species have been relocated on the form. *Trip leaders should use only the new revised form* to maintain consistency for David. Thank you, leaders, for your assistance in using the new forms, and for leading our trips!
-Karleen Schofield, Scheduler Coordinator

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								
	4 NEC	5 ROX	6 BAR	18 RRP	19 LON	25 RIG	25 PUE	26 SEC	26 CHA
Pied-billed Grebe	7				18			1	1
Eared Grebe					3			32	
Western Grebe	20		20		54		4	400	1
Clark's Grebe	2							600	
American White Pelican	55		25		43			200	
Double-crested Cormorant	55		10		22		12	12	35
American Bittern	1								
Great Blue Heron	2		18		7		6	25	3
Great Egret					21			3	
Snowy Egret	4							5	
Cattle Egret	55								
Black-cr. Night-Heron					1			5	
White-faced Ibis								1	
Turkey Vulture		3					4	20	1
Canada Goose	11		150		153		45	23	20
Wood Duck							40		8
Gadwall							8	3	4
American Wigeon					200		24	50	
Mallard	40		100		174	2	30	12	10
Blue-winged Teal					8	7	8		
Cinnamon Teal	3								
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.	25							3	
Northern Shoveler	5				20			1	12
Northern Pintail	1				2				2
Green-winged Teal	1		10		14	4			
Redhead					2			8	
Ring-necked Duck					8			1m, 1f	
Barrow's Goldeneye							1f		
Common Merganser									3
Ruddy Duck	1		2		20			200	
Duck sp.								300	
Osprey	2				3		3		1
Bald Eagle			1a, 1i						
Northern Harrier	6	1			8	1	1	4	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2				1			
Cooper's Hawk		2							
Accipiter sp.								1	
Swainson's Hawk	116		2		9	1		6	1
Red-tailed Hawk	13	4	1	2	6	2	14		3
western races				(2)		(2)			
Ferruginous Hawk							2	2	

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								
	4 NEC	5 ROX	6 BAR	18 RRP	19 LON	25 RIG	25 PUE	26 SEC	26 CHA
Golden Eagle		2		1a, li			2		
American Kestrel	4	2	3	3	17	1	4	26	5
Merlin						1			
Prairie Falcon	1	2		1				2	
Ring-necked Pheasant						1		3	
Scaled Quail							40	11	
Northern Bobwhite	5								
Virginia Rail							1h	1	1h
Sora								1	1h
American Coot	17		4		846		5	130	2
Black-bellied Plover								2	
Killdeer	24		6		9		4	15	1
American Avocet	90							10	
Greater Yellowlegs								5	
Lesser Yellowlegs	1							3	
Willet								1	
Spotted Sandpiper	4		1				1	1	
Marbled Godwit								1	
Sanderling								3	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	15								
Western Sandpiper	21								
Least Sandpiper	58		1		2				
White-rumped Sandpiper			150						
Baird's Sandpiper	60							75	
Dunlin	1								
Stilt Sandpiper	45							15	
Long-billed Dowitcher	17				2				
Common Snipe	3				10				
Wilson's Phalarope	40								
phalarope sp.								2	
Franklin's Gull	11		50		850			1000	
Ring-billed Gull	3		4		340		20	200	3
California Gull	2		1		2		10	10	6
Herring Gull			1						1
Lesser Black-backed Gull								1a	
Forster's Tern	1				1			4	
Black Tern	14		7						
sterna tern sp.								12	
Rock Dove	15	4	10	20	35		15	100	
Eurasian Collared-Dove								15	
Mourning Dove	129		4		9	4	10	100	
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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								
	4 NEC	5 ROX	6 BAR	18 RRP	19 LON	25 RIG	25 PUE	26 SEC	26 CHA
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2								
Greater Roadrunner								1	
Great Horned Owl	3			1		2	6	1	
Burrowing Owl	5					1	3	4	
Common Nighthawk	2								
Common Poorwill								1	
Chimney Swift	2							10	
White-throated Swift		30		25			6		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		1							
Belted Kingfisher	4		1		4		4	1	2
Lewis's Woodpecker								1	
Red-headed Woodpecker	6								
Downy Woodpecker	10	3	4				4	2	
Hairy Woodpecker	1			3			1		
"Rocky Mountain" race				(3)			(1)		
Northern Flicker	10	6	3	5	3	1	8	15	6
"Yellow-shafted" race	(2)								
"Red-shafted" race	(8)	(6)		(5)	(3)	(1)	(8)	(15)	(6)
Olive-sided Flycatcher			2						
Western Wood-Pewee	3	2	4	3		1			
Least Flycatcher			1						
Empidonax sp.		1	3			1	1		
Say's Phoebe		1		1	2	2	1		
Great Crested Flycatcher	1								
Cassin's Kingbird						2		1	
Western Kingbird	4		1			1		2	
Eastern Kingbird	11		1						
Loggerhead Shrike	1							1	
Plumbeous Vireo							3		
Warbling Vireo	1		4						
Steller's Jay				2					
Blue Jay	51		3		5		8	18	20
Western Scrub-Jay		25		25			1		
Black-billed Magpie	8	1	7	10	3	1	15	25	5
American Crow	10			5	16		12	6	2
Common Raven		2		5	2				1
Horned Lark	8		2			15	1	40	
Violet-green Swallow		25							
Bank Swallow	1								
Cliff Swallow	2	2			1				
Barn Swallow	39		40		124	6	45	1000	2

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								
	4 NEC	5 ROX	6 BAR	18 RRP	19 LON	25 RIG	25 PUE	26 SEC	26 CHA
Black-capped Chickadee	12	15	8	10			40	7	30
Mountain Chickadee		6		3			10		
Juniper Titmouse							1		
Red-breasted Nuthatch							4		
White-breasted Nuthatch		1		2			2		
Brown Creeper							1		
Rock Wren		2	2			2	2	1	
Canyon Wren		2		3					
Bewick's Wren							6	1	
House Wren	12	1	5			1	1	3	1h
Marsh Wren	2				3				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							1	1	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3	12		6				2	1h
Mountain Bluebird				28					
Townsend's Solitaire				2					
Hermit Thrush								1	
American Robin	45	1	5	5	9	4	65	200	15
Gray Catbird		3						1	2
Northern Mockingbird	1								
Sage Thrasher						2			
Brown Thrasher	14					1		1	
Curve-billed Thrasher							1		
European Starling	212		100		311	6	45	380	25
American Pipit								2	
Cedar Waxwing							20	25	
Orange-crowned Warbler			2				6	9	4
Virginia's Warbler		2	1				1		
Yellow Warbler			6			1			
Yellow-rumped Warbler		2		5		1	25	14	
"Myrtle" race				(5)		(1)	(10)		
"Audubon's" race							(15)		
Townsend's Warbler							2		
American Redstart	1								
Ovenbird	3								
MacGillivray's Warbler			1					1	
Common Yellowthroat	17		1f				1m	2	
Western Tanager		1						2	
Green-tailed Towhee		1				1			
Spotted Towhee		15		15				2	2
Hooded Warbler	1								
Wilson's Warbler	3		8	1	1	1	15	15	

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								
	4 NEC	5 ROX	6 BAR	18 RRP	19 LON	25 RIG	25 PUE	26 SEC	26 CHA
Canyon Towhee							8		
Chipping Sparrow	1	1					20	15	
Clay-colored Sparrow		2	4			5		1	
Brewer's Sparrow			2		2	8	1		1
Vesper Sparrow				4	15	15	15	12	
Lark Sparrow	2	2			2			2	
Lark Bunting	55								
Savannah Sparrow	2					2		12	
Grasshopper Sparrow						1			
Song Sparrow	1		3		11		8	2	2
Lincoln's Sparrow							2		1
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race					4	6 (6)	60	15	4
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race				4 (4)					
Blue Grosbeak							6	3	
Lazuli Bunting							2	1	
Red-winged Blackbird	7		50		200		65	30	5
Western Meadowlark	8		3		13	2	6	20	3
Yellow-headed Blackbird	8				30		2	45	
Brewer's Blackbird									15
Common Grackle	20		50		6		40	350	1
Great-tailed Grackle								12	
Brown-headed Cowbird							2		
Bullock's Oriole	5								
House Finch	1		10	5	1	2	12	6	1
Red Crossbill							1		
Pine Siskin				5					
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race		3	3		12 2		65		7
American Goldfinch	6	1			5		15	5	1
House Sparrow	3		20		22	60	10	15	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1636	194	942	211	3728	179	1022	6013	285
TOTAL SPECIES	93	39	58	31	60	40	80	103	50
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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	TUESDAY BIRDERS			DFO FALL BIRD COUNT							
	7	14	21	9	11	11	11	11	12	12	12
	BSP	LOB	KBH	CCR	WAT	LBC	BAR	CHA	CAS	RMA	BLP
Pacific Loon						1					
Common Loon						2					
Pied-billed Grebe				11	2	1	4			11	1
Eared Grebe						1i	26			2	3
Western Grebe	8			7		3	23			1	4
Clark's Grebe							2				2
American White Pelican	14			30		6	21			1	45
Double-crested Cormorant	8			45	12	25	9	10		1	36
Great Blue Heron	8			7	9	1	17	1		1	3
Snowy Egret	1										
Black-cr. Night-Heron	4			1			3				1
White-faced Ibis											15
Turkey Vulture				5	8	2		2	55		
Canada Goose	105			3	76	120	375	22		153	145
Wood Duck					1	10		5		2	1i
Gadwall					10	27				20	
American Wigeon					20	41	2			30	8
Mallard	20	3		26	92	82	36	2	2	27	61
Blue-winged Teal							2			4	30
Cinnamon Teal											1
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.					4					70	
Northern Shoveler										35	4
Northern Pintail						1					
Green-winged Teal				12	12	1	2			70	7
Teal sp.	4										
Canvasback						1					
Redhead						12				21	
Ring-necked Duck						2					
Hooded Merganser						4					
Common Merganser						2		13			
Ruddy Duck				28			8			4a,5y	
Osprey				1	1						
Bald Eagle							1i			1a	2a
Northern Harrier	1			1	1		3			3	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1					1	1		3	
Cooper's Hawk									1		
Accipiter sp.				1	1						
Swainson's Hawk	2			2			4	3	1	12	22
Red-tailed Hawk		2	1		7	3		2	5	11	1
Ferruginous Hawk											1

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	TUESDAY BIRDERS			DFO FALL BIRD COUNT							
	7	14	21	9	11	11	11	11	12	12	12
	BSP	LOB	KBH	CCR	WAT	LBC	BAR	CHA	CAS	RMA	BLP
Buteo sp.				1							
Golden Eagle		1	1i					1		2	
American Kestrel	1	1		1	5	6	6	5		11	34
Virginia Rail				2	5			10		2	1
Sora					3			1		1	
American Coot	4		12	32		630	16			57	2
Killdeer	10			9	8	23	26	2	1	12	42
Lesser Yellowlegs				3			2			11	38
Solitary Sandpiper										3	1
Spotted Sandpiper				1	4	1	3			5	
Sanderling							4				
Western Sandpiper							2				
Least Sandpiper										1	
Baird's Sandpiper				1			95			1	
Pectoral Sandpiper							1				
Stilt Sandpiper							1				
Sandpiper sp.	36										
Common Snipe										1	15
Wilson's Phalarope					1						
Red-necked Phalarope							3				
Franklin's Gull	70						32				1
Ring-billed Gull	15			45	8	105	100	24			212
California Gull	1			3		60	2	2			
Herring Gull				3							
Sabine's Gull							1a,1j				
Rock Dove	1			2	8	23	19	7	15	3	159
Mourning Dove	2			13	53	13	13	117		291	70
Barn Owl										7	
Great Horned Owl							1	2	3h	9	1
Burrowing Owl										6	5
Long-eared Owl										3	
Common Nighthawk										1	
Common Poorwill									2h	1	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird								5	2		
Belted Kingfisher	1			5	7	7	5	6	1	1	3
Red-headed Woodpecker										1	
Downy Woodpecker	2			3	7		11	9	3	6	2
Hairy Woodpecker										1	
Northern Flicker	3	9	2	6	20	37	4	35	5	26	2
"Red-shafted" race				(6)	(20)	(37)		(35)		(26)	(2)

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	7	14	21	9	11	11	11	11	12	12	12
	BSP	LOB	KBH	CCR	WAT	LBC	BAR	CHA	CAS	RMA	BLP
Olive-sided Flycatcher							2		1		
Western Wood-Pewee	2	2			19		2	20	1	13	
Empidonax sp.		1		1		1		1		12	1
Say's Phoebe				1	4	2					1
Western Kingbird					4		2	5	1	9	2
Eastern Kingbird										2	
Loggerhead Shrike										1	
White-eyed Vireo								1			
Plumbeous Vireo									2	2	
Cassin's Vireo										1	
Blue-headed Vireo										1	
Warbling Vireo	2				3			1		4	1
Gray Jay			3								
Steller's Jay		13	1						8		
Blue Jay				1	1	40	5	1	3	2	
Western Scrub-Jay		2			1				11		
Black-billed Magpie	6			10	12	81	18	26	27	163	29
American Crow		3	9	4	4	22		3	6		
Common Raven		1			4				2		
Horned Lark								10			5
Tree Swallow					80			2			
Violet-green Swallow		2			800			70			
Bank Swallow				4							
Cliff Swallow						1					
Barn Swallow	9	6		133	41	20	150	8	1	155	2165
Swallow sp.				150							
Black-capped Chickadee	13	27		23	58	14	25	61	11	22	10
Mountain Chickadee		3	1						9		
Red-breasted Nuthatch		3							3	2	
White-breasted Nuthatch		1		1				2	11		
Rock Wren	1	1				1	3	3	3	3	1
Canyon Wren									2		
House Wren	1	2			9	5	4	25	8	10	2
Marsh Wren											1
American Dipper		1									
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										3	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					1			13	5		
Western Bluebird									3		
Mountain Bluebird			16						15		
Townsend's Solitaire		2							2		2

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	TUESDAY BIRDERS			DFO FALL BIRD COUNT							
	7 BSP	14 LOB	21 KBH	9 CCR	11 WAT	11 LBC	11 BAR	11 CHA	12 CAS	12 RMA	12 BLP
Swainson's Thrush										1	
American Robin	6	30			60	42	17	53	14	9	2
Gray Catbird	1	1			15		1	19	1	2	
Northern Mockingbird										1	
Sage Thrasher								3		2	
Brown Thrasher										1	
European Starling	17		50	26	107	118	120	22	45	19	3411
American Pipit										1	
Cedar Waxwing		5						14			
Orange-crowned Warbler	2						2	1		12	
Virginia's Warbler								1			
Yellow Warbler	3				4			1		2	2
Yellow-rumped Warbler			1	3	5	2	5	1		15	1
"Myrtle" race						(2)					
"Audubon's" race					(5)					(15)	(1)
Townsend's Warbler				1			1		2	2	2
Blackpoll Warbler								1			
American Redstart		2f						1			
Northern Waterthrush							2				
MacGillivray's Warbler	1							1		1	
Common Yellowthroat	1				8		4	5		8	2
Wilson's Warbler	27	3		2	19	1	24	5	6	27	10
Yellow-breasted Chat					2			1			
Western Tanager		2			1					9	1
Green-tailed Towhee	1	1							3	7	
Spotted Towhee		4			3			19	35		
Chipping Sparrow		1	1	5	3	10	30	3	65	175	
Clay-colored Sparrow	1			1				1		5	7
Brewer's Sparrow					5		2	7	7	20	8
Spizella (sp.)				50						175	
Vesper Sparrow				3	164	1		32	78	64	65
Lark Sparrow					4			1		5	1
Lark Bunting					21			2		7	12
Savannah Sparrow					6	1			1	10	
Song Sparrow		5		1	7		4	9	4		3
Lincoln's Sparrow								1	2		
White-crowned Sparrow											2
Dark-eyed Junco			2								
Black-headed Grosbeak		1f									
Blue Grosbeak					1			1			

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	7	14	21	9	11	11	11	11	12	12	12
	BSP	LOB	KBH	CCR	WAT	LBC	BAR	CHA	CAS	RMA	BLP
Lazuli Bunting					7			3	1	1	
Red-winged Blackbird	117		6	4	129	36	25	5	8	41	590
Western Meadowlark	4			3	9		8	5	2	42	89
Yellow-headed Blackbird					3	2				1	125
Brewer's Blackbird			6	8							2
Common Grackle			4	10	4	22		2			12
House Finch				3	129	74		4	2	30	24
Pine Siskin		3									
Lesser Goldfinch		22			45			65	20		
"Green-backed" race								1			
American Goldfinch		2		50	36	5	7	10	7	3	1
House Sparrow			1	30		26	30				164
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	564	169	117	838	2223	1780	1380	839	534	2025	7741
TOTAL SPECIES	40	35	17	52	67	54	64	72	54	92	72

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SEPTEMBER 1999 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

	SPECIES INDIVIDUALS FIELD TRIPS OBSERVERS HOURS MILES by CAR MILES on FOOT							
ALL FIELD TRIPS/COUNTS	203	32,830	20	256	157.00	992.00	70.80	NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units
DFO FIELD TRIPS	183	14,210	9	122	69.25	655.00	30.00	
TUESDAY BIRDERS	71	1,230	3	88	14.50	142.00	9.50	
DFO FALL BIRD COUNT	157	17,390	8	46	73.25	195.00	31.30	
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 9; UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 10; RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 7								
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)								
Barrow's Goldeneye, White-rumped Sandpiper, Lesser Black-backed Gull, White-eyed Vireo, Cassin's Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Blackpoll Warbler								

September Additional Reports

Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
American Bittern	9/17		1	Pond West of Lake Meredith	Crowley	Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joey Kellner
Green Heron	9/13		1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Green Heron	9/17		1	Rocky Ford State Wildlife Area	Otero	Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joey Kellner
Broad-winged Hawk	9/14		1	Wheatridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Van Remsen
Mississippi Kite	9/17		2i	Rocky Ford	Otero	Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joey Kellner
Merlin	9/6		1f "prairie"	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Peregrine Falcon	9/5		1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Black-bellied Plover	9/12		1alt	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
American Golden Plover	9/18		1	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Karleen Schofield, Joey Kellner
Short-billed Dowitcher	9/19		1j	Stoneham	Weld	Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Karleen Schofield, Joey Kellner
Red-necked Phalarope	9/5		8	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Long-eared Owl	9/18		1	Stanley Ranch	Weld	Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Karleen Schofield, Joey Kellner
Calliope Hummingbird	9/2	- 9/21	up to 2	4400 Bow Mar Drive	Jefferson	Tina Jones
White-eyed Vireo	9/6	- 9/11	1s	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Blue-headed Vireo	9/14		1	Wheatridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Van Remsen
Red-eyed Vireo	9/12		1	Bear Creek Lake Park	Jefferson	Van Remsen
Townsend's Warbler	9/14		1-1st fall	Wheatridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Blackpoll Warbler	9/18		1	Stanley Ranch	Weld	Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Karleen Schofield, Joey Kellner
Ovenbird	9/17		1	Abandon Farm (w/permission)	Lincoln	Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joey Kellner
Black-throated Gray Warbler	9/12		1m	Bear Creek Lake Park	Jefferson	Van Remsen
Golden-winged Warbler	9/14		1f	Wheatridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Van Remsen
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	9/14		1f	Wheatridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Van Remsen

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, alt = Alternate Plumage (i.e. breeding)

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS

Nov. 6, Saturday

Chatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader: Joey Kellner, (303) 978-1748

Meet at 0700 at the swim beach inside the park. West park entrance is off S. Wadsworth Blvd., 1.5 miles south of C-470. Full day trip. Bring lunch. Be prepared to walk about 2 ½ miles. State Parks Pass required.

Nov. 7, Sunday

South Platte Park (SPP)

Leader: Doris Cruze, (303) 798-8072

Meet at 0900 at the Carson Nature Center. Group will take an easy walk to Cooley Lake which is normally off-limits to the public. Should see migrant ducks and geese. Half day trip, lunch optional at approximately 11:30. Park entrance is just west of Santa Fe on Mineral. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

Nov. 13, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, (303) 659-8069

Meet at 0800 at the Nature Center at Barr Lake State Park. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

Nov. 14, Sunday

***Cherry Creek Reservoir and
Nearby Areas (CCR)***

Leader: Steve Kennedy, (303) 690-8265

Meet at 0800 just inside the west gate of park, east of Cherry Creek HS. Go east from S. Yosemite St. on Union Av. Three quarter day trip, bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

Nov. 20, Saturday

Jackson Lake State Recreation Area (JSR)

Leader: Dave Quesenberry, (303) 796-7603

Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History. Full day trip, bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

Nov. 21, Sunday

Longmont Area (LON)

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, (303) 772-6048

Meet at 0830 at Jim Hamm Park. Take I-25 to exit 240. Go west on CO 119 about four miles to Weld CR1, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park. Bring lunch.

Nov. 26, Friday

Hutton Lake NWR, Wyoming (HUT)

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 287-1644

Meet at 0700 at the Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch and be prepared for a long, adventurous day. Lake Hutton is a small but beautiful refuge south of Laramie, WY. Four wheel drive or high clearance vehicles recommended. Please call leader if going. Bad weather or dangerous road conditions will cause the destination of this trip to change. We'll go looking for hawks in northeast Colorado instead.

Nov. 27, Saturday

South Platte Riverwalk (SPR)

Leader: David Laliberte, (303) 297-1390

Meet at 0830 at the east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History. Trip will include Riverside Cemetery to Morgan Smith Park. Be prepared for two miles of hiking. Bring lunch.

Nov. 28, Sunday

Boulder area, Baseline Resv., Walden Wildlife Area (BOU)

Leader: Karleen Schofield, (303) 936-8661

Meet leader at 0800 at the Park 'n Ride at the northeast corner of N. Sheridan and W. 88th Ave. or join group at 0900 at Cottonwood Marsh at Walden Wildlife Area. Three-quarter day trip, bring lunch. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

November trip scheduler: Jackie King, (303) 287-1644



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Program to be Announced

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY NOVEMBER 1999

October 2, Saturday (SPR)
South Platte River & Adams County - Riverside Cemetery, SPR, Riverdale Drive to Morgan Smith Nature Area
Leader: David Laliberte. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Carolyn Cooley, Dianna Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Dave Quesenberry, Nancy Quesenberry, Anne Southcott. **Time:** 0830-1415. **Distance:** 47.5 miles by car, 1.25 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian-riverine, reservoirs, roadsides-fields. **Weather:** cloudy (overcast) to partly cloudy, dry; wind NE, 5-10 mph; temp. 40-57 °F. **Totals:** 45 Species, 647 Individuals.

October 3, Sunday (HUT)
Lake Hattie, Lake McKay, Twin Buttes, Barbour Ponds
Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Amy Young. **Time:** 0700-1800. **Distance:** 376.0 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, plains, mountains; elev. 5,280'-8,460'. **Weather:** cloudy to partly cloudy (A.M.), clear (P.M.); wind NW, gusty to 25 mph; 38-62°F. **Totals:** 44 Species, 2052 Individuals.

October 9, Saturday (LOB)
Lair o' the Bear, Jefferson County Open Space Park, Morrison Park, Red Rocks Park
Leader: Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Carley Clark, Carolyn Cooley, Lou Dittmar, Harold Oliver. **Time:** 0800-1330. **Distance:** 35.0 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** foothills, scrub, riparian deciduous/conifer; elev. 5,800'-6,600'. **Weather:** sunny; wind W-NW, 3-10 mph; temp. 48-80°F. **Totals:** 24 Species, 164 Individuals.

October 10, Sunday (CHA)
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Jeff Herzog. **Observers:** Mike Bloom, Steve Bloom, Beverlee Guild, Lynne Jordan, Loch Kilpatrick, Dave Quesenberry, Karleen Schofield. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 3.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, grasslands, reservoir, wetlands; elev. 5,300'. **Weather:** clear – no clouds; wind N, 0-4 mph; temp. 50-68°F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 406 Individuals.

October 16, Saturday (BDC)
Big Dry Creek Open Space, Westminster
Leader: Norm Lewis. **Observers:** Peggy Gonder, Barbara Thomas, Debbie Westbrook. **Time:** 0830-0945, NOTE: Trip curtailed due to deteriorating weather. **Distance:** 0 miles by car,

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2.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, lakes, ponds, prairie. **Weather:** cloudy with rain and sleet; wind E, 10-20 mph; temp. 30°F. **Totals:** 19 Species, 354 Individuals

October 17, Sunday

Longmont Area

(LON)

Leader: Chris Owens. **Observers:** Dianna

Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Lynn Soloman, Jim Wesorick, Nancy Wesorick, Eric Zorawowicz.

Time: 0800-1400. **Distance:** 35.0 miles by car, 0.25 mile on foot. **Habitats:** open water bodies, prairie and riparian; elev. 4,900'. **Weather:** cold to mild in the PM; 30-40°F; variable wind at 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 53 Species, 5146 individuals

October 23, Saturday

(CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leaders: Karleen Schofield, Ira Sanders, Tammy Ellsworth. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Grace

Hahn, Sonja Hahn, Lynne Jordan, Barbara

Shissler, Cindy Valentine. **Time:** 0735-1500.

Distance: 14.0 miles by car, 2.8 miles on foot.

Habitats: riparian, reservoir, wetlands, deciduous woods, grassland; elev. 5,300'. **Weather:** sun; wind calm; temp. 44-76°F. **Totals:** 51 Species, 1566 Individuals.

October 24, Sunday

(WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Mort Staatz. **Observers:** Debra Bogar, Beverlee Guild, Ms. Geder, Dianna Johnston,

Wayne Johnston, Loch Kilpatrick, Karleen

Schofield, Eric Zorqowicz. **Time:** 0800-1200.

Distance: 0.5 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Habitats: riverine. **Weather:** sunny & clear; wind calm; temp. 70-78°F. **Totals:** 34 Species, 481 Individuals.

October 30, Saturday

(RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Ed Holub. **Observers:** Diane Buell,

Don Cook, David Laliberte, Barbara Thomas,

Katherine Tiswold, Larry Wilson, Roni Wilson,

Ru Wing, Eleanor While. **Time:** 0735-1415.

Distance: 32.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Habitats: ponds, prairie, riparian; elev. 5,280'.

Weather: clear, sunny; wind 0 mph; temp. 30-59°F. **Totals:** 44 Species, 2066 Individuals.

Oct. 31, Sunday (SSP)

South Suburban Park, Carson Nature Center

Leader: Sue Schulman. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Marilyn Brenengen, Mary C. Burger, Beverlee Guild, Lynne Jordan, Lynn Johnson. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, woods; elev. 5,250'. **Weather:** sun, no clouds; wind 6-12 mph; temp. 45-75°F. **Totals:** 38 Species, 264 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

October 5, Tuesday

Conifer, Kenosha Pass to Colorado Trail-east side.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 15. **Time:** 0830-1330. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** ponds, conifer, aspen woodland, grassy meadows; elev. 10,400'. **Weather:** sunny; wind calm; temp. 40-60 °F. **Totals:** 16 Species, 74 Individuals.

October 12, Tuesday

Golden Gate Canyon SP Visitor's Center, Crawford Gulch & Panorama Point.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 36. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1.5 on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, deciduous, conifer, ponds, meadows; elev. 8,100'-9,500'. **Weather:** sunny to partly cloudy; wind NE, 0-20mph; 52-67 °F. **Totals:** 19 Species, 94 Individuals.

October 19, Tuesday

Chatfield Arboretum.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 22. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, deciduous, juniper, cattails, open fields; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** clear with high thin clouds; wind light; 33-50 °F. **Totals:** 27 Species, 371 Individuals.

October 26, Tuesday

Mt. Falcon Jeffco Open Space Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 29. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1.5 on foot.

Habitats: foothills, conifer, open meadows; elev. 7,750'-7,859'. **Weather:** clear; wind light; 50-67 °F. **Totals:** 15 Species, 115 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (compiler)

CLASSES

"Colorado Owl and Raptor Identification: ID Clues Not Found in Field Guides" Classroom session: Dec. 2 (Th.) 7:00 P.M.
Field trip: Dec. 4 (Sat.) 8:30-4:30. Fee.
Instructor: Tina Jones 303-794-2647.
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"Birds and Berries: Landscaping and Habitat Creation for Songbirds" Classes held At DBG, Tuesdays (Feb. 1, 8, 15), 6:30- 9:30 P.M. Fee.
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We hope to see you at meetings or
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GUIDELINES FOR DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

The Denver Field Ornithologists has approximately \$1,000 to award to individuals or organizations who apply for grants for projects that promote interest in the study of birds and the preservation of their habitats. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications for such grants. Guidelines for applicants:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by Jan. 31. The application form is at the back of this issue.
2. Thorough details of the project(s) and funding are required.
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board
4. Grant awards will be announced in May.
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.
6. The completed application form should be returned to the DFO President.

We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and preservation.

CORRECTION

The 150 White-rumped Sandpipers reported in the October 1999 issue of the Lark Bunting were actually 150 Baird's Sandpipers.

FIELD TRIP UPDATES

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica" 2/25/00-3/10/00. Trip limited to 10 participants (non-smokers only, please). Contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 4250 Busby Dr. #312, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661 for information.

Birding in SE Arizona? DFO members are invited to contact Dieter Kamm (see above) for local birding information or to join him for a birding trip in the area.

Special thanks to Jackie King, one of our field trip schedulers, for revising the trip leader instruction sheet, and maintaining the files for future updates. Thanks also to David Laliberte (Field Trip Compilation Editor) for the revision of the DFO Field Trip Report Form, so that it follows the current AOU species order. Please note that a number of species have been relocated on the form. *Trip leaders should use only the new revised form* to maintain consistency for David. Thank you, leaders, for your assistance in using the new forms, and for leading our trips!

-Karleen Schofield, Scheduler Coordinator

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

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	SPR	HUT	LOB	CHA	BDC	LON	CCR	WRG	RMA	SSP	CKC	GOL	CAR	MFP
Pacific Loon							2w							
Common Loon							1w			2				
Pied-billed Grebe	5	6		2		5	22	6	4					
Horned Grebe						20	23		1					
Eared Grebe		6		18		2	85							
Western Grebe		1		51		2025	250			4				
Clark's Grebe						1	3							
American White Pelican	4					46	3		1					
Double-cr. Cormorant	12	26		31		40	28	1	1	1				
Great Blue Heron	3	1		2	2	8	6			1			1	
Cattle Egret						2								
Black-cr. Night-Heron	2a,2i						1i							
Canada Goose	67	222		58		116	76	175	150	60+				
Cackling Goose (minima)				(1)										
Wood Duck				1										
Gadwall	32	42		1		2	10	6	75	10				
American Wigeon	1	101				425	8	4	125	36				
Mallard	25	34		2	20	16	88	30	40	41			75	
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.							3							
Northern Shoveler	52	5				7	8		5					
Northern Pintail	2					4								
Green-winged Teal	29				2	2	5		8					
Canvasback						1			4					
Redhead		85				31		6	150	6				
Ring-necked Duck							1	4	125	2				
Lesser Scaup		1						4	50					
Bufflehead						39	4		11	7				
Hooded Merganser						1								
Common Merganser				3			8			1f				
Ruddy Duck						126	115		2					
Osprey				1										
Bald Eagle									4					
Northern Harrier		2		1		4	1f		2	1			1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1									1	
Cooper's Hawk					1i			1						
Northern Goshawk												1		
Accipiter sp.														1
Swainson's Hawk											2			

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Red-tailed Hawk Rufous morph western races "Harlan's" race	1	15	2a	1a,2j	1 (1)	9	2a	1	10 (9) (1)	2	1	4	6 (1)	
Ferruginous Hawk		2							2					
Golden Eagle			1i											
American Kestrel	2	13		1		11	1i	1	2	1		1	1	
Prairie Falcon		1	1											
Ring-necked Pheasant						4			1					
Wild Turkey											1			
Virginia Rail							1+8h						3	
Sora													1	
American Coot	4	83				879	75	42	200	60+	10			
Killdeer	9					4	2			1				
Lesser Yellowlegs	2													
Common Snipe	1					6								
Franklin's Gull	21					200								
Little Gull						1j								
Bonaparte's Gull							2							
Ring-billed Gull	175	45		28	50	100	280	68	25	1				
California Gull	6						24			1				
Herring Gull							1							
Forster's Tern						1								
Rock Dove	22	250	18	3		2		6	2	16			65	
Mourning Dove	3				5			1	46					
Great Horned Owl				1					1	1			1	
Belted Kingfisher	2			3		2	4	4	1	2				
Downy Woodpecker "eastern" race	2	3	1h	3		1	2 (2)		2	3		1	1	3
Hairy Woodpecker												1		3
Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race	5 (5)	2 (2)	8 (8)	12 (12)	6	4 (4)	26 (26)	12 (12)	15 (15)	4			7	
Gray Jay											5			
Steller's Jay			11								9	15		12
Blue Jay	2	2		3	3	2	2	6						
Western Scrub-Jay			4										2	
Clark's Nutcracker											7	7		
Black-billed Magpie	11	11	5	14	8	4	36	14	40	7	4	7	2	7

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American Crow	4	8	15	5	4	100	2	5	1	11	10	4	26	4
Common Raven		11	8								7	2		
Horned Lark		60							5					
Barn Swallow	6													
Black-capped Chickadee	1	6	14	25		5	29	7	10	3	3	6	8	3
Mountain Chickadee		4	12								5	14		6
Red-breasted Nuthatch			2								1			
White-breasted Nuthatch			1	2				1				4		8
Pygmy Nuthatch		3												20
Brown Creeper			2	1					1					
House Wren	1													
American Dipper						1								
Mountain Bluebird		1				105					4		2	
Townsend's Solitaire			3									3		3
American Robin	20	3	24	9		9	8	12	30			9		15
Gray Catbird								1						
European Starling	19	143	10	55	200	75	170		300	47		6	18	
Cedar Waxwing		16												
Orange-crowned Warbler	6			1										
Yellow Warbler		1												
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	2		11			1					5	6	
"Myrtle" race													(1)	
"Audubon's" race	(1)			(11)			(1)						(3,21)	3
Wilson's Warbler	2			1										
Spotted Towhee				2										
American Tree Sparrow							7	2	1	2			2	2
Chipping Sparrow										3				
Field Sparrow	11													
Spizella sp.	9													
Vesper Sparrow		3												
Song Sparrow	3		4	6	2	4	6	5	4	1			1	
Lincoln's Sparrow								3						
White-crowned Sparrow	16	7	6		2	27	8	2		3	1		8,11	
Dark lored races	(16)													
Dark-eyed Junco			4		1	3	3	7	79	5	4	2	8	25
"Slate-colored" race								(3)	(3)					
"Oregon" race								(4)	(1)					
"Pink-sided" race					(1)		(3)		(75)		(1)			

OBSERVATION LEGEND: a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, w=winter, m=male, f=female,
h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare & unusual, + =also/in addition to,

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE OCTOBER 1999

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS										TUESDAY BIRDERS			
	2	3	9	10	16	17	23	24	30	31	5	12	19	26
	SPR	HUT	LOB	CHA	BDC	LON	CCR	WRG	RMA	SSP	CKC	GOL	CAR	MFP
Red-winged Blackbird	8	675		19	10	605	42		400	5			120	
Western Meadowlark		12		7	5	8			25	1			1	
Yellow-headed Blackbird						6								
Brewer's Blackbird	9													
Common Grackle	4	58		1		9	1	20						
House Finch	20	12	4	7	12	21	32	8	100	16		2	2	
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race			4 (4)											
American Goldfinch		33		8			10	4	5	5				
House Sparrow	13	35		3	20	15	30	12		11			1	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	647	2052	164	406	354	5146	1566	481	2066	264	74	94	371	115
TOTAL SPECIES	45	44	24	40	19	53	51	34	44	38	16	19	27	15

OCTOBER 1999 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	108	13,801	14	176	72.0	563.0	28.0
DFO FIELD TRIPS	101	13,146	10	70	56.0	543.0	20.8
TUESDAY BIRDERS	40	655	4	106	16.0	20.0	8.0
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 12 UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 3 RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 1							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details) Little Gull							

October Additional Reports

Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
Pacific Loon	10/31		1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Ross's Goose	10/29		1a	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Red-breasted Merganser	10/29		3f	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Osprey	10/19		1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Pomarine Jaeger	10/30	10/31	1juv. dark morph	Standley Lake	Jefferson	Norm Erthal, MObs
Common Poorwill	10/1		1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Bushtit	10/18	10/25	up to 25	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Winter Wren	10/23		1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	10/1		1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Eastern Towhee	10/16	10/17	1m	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery
White-throated Sparrow	10/15		1a tan- striped	Wheatridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Lapland Longspur	10/17		1f	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	10/28	11/1	1i m	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Purple Finch	10/28	10/30	1am	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, bas = Basic Plumage (i.e. winter)

URBAN DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT

January 1, 2000: Platte River from North City limits to Mississippi, west to Buckley Field and Rocky Mtn. Arsenal. Start the New Year with a half day or whole day effort--a good way to start your 2000 Year List

5:00 p.m. After the count, Pot Luck at the Willcockson's, 2698 S.Niagara St. Call 303-757-7000 so we can count you in on the chili pot, Urling's brownies, and Liz and Lynn's hospitality.

Count Leader, Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723

Area	Location	Leader's Telephone	Leader(s)
1	South Platte (south)	303-936-6902	Betty & Harold Oliver
2	South Platte (north)	303-278-8035	Contact Dick Schottler;
3	Rocky Mtn Arsenal	303-814-2723	Urling Kingery
4	Commerce City/Montbello	303-287-1644	Jackie King
5	Sand Creek/Tollgate	303-680-3381	Randy Lentz
6	Creek, Bluff L., & Aurora	303-699-1721	Buzz Schaumberg
7	Cherry Creek Res.	303-798-9683	J. B. Hayes
8	Kent School, South of Hampden	303-757-7000	Lynn Willcockson
9	SE Denver, North of Hampden	303-935-4722	Walt Hackney
10	Cherry Creek, dam to Den. Country Club	303-422-3728	Paul Slingsby
11	Fairmont, Lowry Field	303-979-6211	Tuesday Birders
13	City Park/Park Hill	303-936-8661	Karleen Schofield
14	Wash Park/Denver Country Club; Cherry Creek to Confluence; DU; Greater Glendale	303-744-0613	Casey Davenport
15	Feeder watchers: if you live in the area and have a feeder, call Hugh Kingery to participate by counting birds at your feeder.	303-814-2723	Hugh Kingery

46th DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1999

Count Leader/Compiler: Dick Schottler (303-278-8035, <birdschot@uswest.net>)
Feeder Coordinators: Patty Echelmeyer (303-233-4947), Tina Jones (303-794-2647)
Compilation meeting: 5:00pm at Wild Birds Unlimited, 2720 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

All DFO members are encouraged to participate in the annual Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC) sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists and the National Audubon Society. To participate, call one of the Area Leaders listed below to assist in a particular area, or call the Count Leader after Dec. 3 if you would like to help in an area that still needs additional observers. All participants are invited to the compilation meeting at Wild Birds Unlimited following the Count to warm up and find out how well we did. It is a lot of fun.

Fees: Each observer must pay a \$5.00 fee to participate in the Denver CBC. This fee, required by National Audubon, is used to help defray the cost of publishing the results of all official CBC's in a special issue of *North American Birds* (ex *American Birds*). Participants must pay the \$5.00 fee to their Area Leader before taking part in the Count. Checks must be made payable to *National Audubon Society*, not to DFO.

Pre-counts: Area Leaders are encouraged to conduct pre-counts in their areas. Since days and times of pre-counts will vary, contact an Area Leader if you wish to assist on a pre-count in a particular area. There is no fee for participating in a pre-count.

Area locations and names and phone numbers of Area Leaders are listed below. Participants should contact Area Leaders for meeting times and places on Count day, Saturday, December 18.

<u>Area Number and Location</u>	<u>Area Leader and Telephone Number</u>	
1. Red Rocks Park	✓ Bob Brown	303-791-6204
2. Lower Bear Creek	✓ Bob Spencer	303-279-4682
2A. Bear Creek Lake Park	— Kathy Hawkins	303-969-8909
3. Bow Mar/Marston	— Mortimer Staats	303-279-6169
4A. Lower South Platte - East	✓ Ed Holub	303-979-2194
4B. Lower South Platte - West	✓ Dick Schottler	303-278-8035
5. Highline Ditch	— Harold Oliver	303-936-6902
6. Plum Creek	Norm Erthal	303-424-6747
7A. Middle South Platte - West	Randy Lentz	303-680-3381
7B. Middle South Platte - East	— Hugh Kingery	303-814-2723
8. Chatfield State Park	✓ Joey Kellner	303-978-1748
9. Upper South Platte	Carolyn Cooley	303-798-9010
10. Lower Deer Creek	— Lynn Willcockson	303-757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek	Doug Ward	303-937-7574
12. Yegge Peak	Ann Bonnell	303-979-6211
13. Doublehead Mountain	✓ David Laliberte	303-297-1390
14. North Turkey Creek	— Warren Finch	303-233-3372
15. Indian Hills	Duane Nelson	303-816-9620
16. Upper Bear Creek	✓ Dave Quesenberry	303-796-7603
17. Ken Caryl Ranch	✓ Norm Lewis	303-988-5544
18. Garrison Gate	Chuck Aid	303-329-0082
19. Morrison/Willowbrook	— Jackie King	303-287-1644
20. Willow Creek	Bob Frager	303-795-2614
21. Mount Lindo/Willow Springs	✓ Karleen Schofield	303-936-8661

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

DECEMBER FIELD TRIPS

Dec 4, Saturday

Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR)

Leader: Dave Quesenberry, (303) 796-7603

Meet at 0800 just inside west gate of park. Go east from S. Yosemite on Union - east of Cherry Creek High School. Half day trip. State Parks Pass required.

Dec. 5, Sunday

Wheatridge Greenbelt (WRG)

Leader: Mort Staatz, (303) 279-6169

Meet at 0800 at Prospect Lake parking lot. South of W. 44th Ave., just east of Robb St. in Wheatridge. Half day trip, lunch optional.

Dec. 11 & 12 Saturrday and Sunday

Christmas Count pre-count trips

Contact leaders of designated areas.

Dec. 18, Saturday

Denver Christman Counts

Contact leaders of designated areas.

December trip scheduler: Lynn Willcockson
(303) 757-7000

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

(Fill in or attach requested information)

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

Individual or organization to receive grant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

Description of project:

What are the anticipated starting and completion dates:

Amount of funding requested:

Details of how funds will be used:

Other information for the DFO Board's consideration:

Signature _____ Date _____

All grant applications must be postmarked by January 31.
Return application form and any additional pages to the current DFO President



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THE LARK BUNTING

MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 5
Program: "The Colorado Records Committee"
Speaker: Bill Lisowsky

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

Colorado Rare Bird Alert – 303-424-2144
DFO Home Page: www.geocities.com/dfobirders

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY NOVEMBER 1999

November 6, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Lynn Johnson, Randy Lentz, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Bob Richter, Ru Wing. **Time:** 0700-1530. **Distance:** 29.0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** plains, riparian; elev. 5,390'. **Weather:** clear; wind 0 mph; temp. 48-75 °F. **Totals:** 49 Species, 701 Individuals.

November 7, Sunday (SPP)

South Platte Park, Cooley Lake

Leader: Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Debra Bogar, Betsy Maslow, Rich Maslow, Alberta Nelson, Nell Swiers. **Time:** 0900-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Weather:** clear, windy, warm; wind S,SW, 15-25 mph; temp. 50-65 °F. **Totals:** 23 Species, 483 Individuals.

November 13, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe **Observers:** Carolyn Cooley, Bonnie Cronin, Peggy Gonder, Beverlee Guild, Tom Hablitzel, Dianna Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Steve Sinclair, Suzanne Vaughn. **Time:** 0800-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian;

elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** clear, sunny; wind calm; temp. 40-76 °F. **Totals:** 41 Species, 925 Individuals.

November 14, Sunday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir and Nearby Areas

Leader: Steve Kennedy. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown, Gregg Goodrich, Beverlee Guild, Debbie Kennedy, Loch Kilpatrick, Larry Modesitt, Dave Quesenberry, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 9.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, prairie, open water; elev. 5,300'. **Weather:** clear; wind 0 mph; temp. 45-71 °F. **Totals:** 46 Species, 1,193 Individuals.

November 20, Saturday (JSR)

Jackson Lake State Recreation Area

Leader: Dave Quesenberry. **Observers:** Carolyn Cooley, Gail Evans, Warren Finch, Beverlee Guild, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Charlotte Ossman, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Marty Woodford. **Time:** 0900-1500. **Distance:** 20.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** reservoir, farm fields, riparian, canal ditch; elev. 4,500'. **Weather:** mostly sunny; wind none; temp. 45-55 °F. **Totals:** 37 Species, 1,197 Individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303-322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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November 21, Sunday

(LON)

Longmont Area

Leader: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez.

Observers: Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver. **Time:** 0830-1415. **Distance:** 50.0 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot. **Habitats:** open water bodies, prairie, agricultural fields, and riparian; elev. 4,900'. **Weather:** clear and cool to partly cloudy; wind direction variable, 5-10 mph; temp. 40 °F. **Totals:** 50 Species, 5,401 Individuals.

November 26, Friday

(HUT)

Hutton Lake NWR, Wyoming

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Carolyn Cooley, Tammy Ellsworth, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Ira Sanders. **Time:** 0700-1630.

Distance: 305.0 miles by car, 0 miles on foot.

Habitats: riparian, plains; elev. 5,280'.

Weather: partly cloudy to clear; wind W, 25-45 mph; temp. 40-60 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 6,719 Individuals.

November 27, Saturday

(SPR)

South Platte Riverwalk - Riverside Cemetery, SPR, Riverdale Dr. to Morgan Smith Nature Area

Leader: David Laliberte. **Observers:** Beverlee Guild, Amy Young. **Time:** 0845-1530.

Distance: 57.6 miles by car, 0.75 miles on foot.

Habitats: riparian-riverine, reservoirs, roadsides-fields. **Weather:** partly cloudy to clear, dry; wind W, 0-7 mph; temp. 37-56 °F.

Totals: 41 Species, 1,202 Individuals.

November 28, Sunday

(BOU)

Boulder area, Baseline Resv., Walden Wildlife Area, Valmont Resv. Boulder Cr., Culver Lakes, Little Gaynor Lake

Leader: Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Donn Cook, Tammy Ellsworth, Warren Finch, Peter Gent, Catherine Griswold, Don Hall, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Ira Sanders, Marcia Sullivan, Bob Wing, Ru Wing, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0800-1500. **Distance:** 60.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, agricultural fields, wetland; elev. 5,300-5,400'. **Weather:** sun to partly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 32-60 °F. **Totals:** 50 Species, 3,481 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

November 2, Tuesday (BCH)
***Boulder-Chautauqua Park To Walker Ranch
Meyers Homestead Trail/Flagstaff Mtn.***
Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 40. **Time:**
0900-1200. **Distance:** 7.5 miles by car, 3.0 miles
on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, meadow, deciduous
& coniferous woods; elev. 6,700-7,859'. **Weather:** clear; wind SW, 0-15 mph; 40-65 °F.
Totals: 16 Species, 104 Individuals.

November 9, Tuesday (WRG)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.
Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 40. **Time:**
0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3.0 miles
on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, lakes, deciduous
woods, cattails; elev. 5,386'. **Weather:** clear;
wind calm; 56-69 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 656
Individuals.

November 16, Tuesday (CSP)
Chatfield SP.
Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 41. **Time:**
0900-1300. **Distance:** 11.0 miles by car, 1.5
miles on foot. **Habitats:** Reservoir, riparian,
deciduous woods, open grassy areas; elev. 5,430'.
Weather: thin clouds; wind calm; 55-70 °F.
Totals: 30 Species, 263 Individuals.

November 23, Tuesday (WAT)
Waterton Canyon.
Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 15. **Time:**
0900-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3.0 miles
on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, deciduous woods
with rock outcrops; elev. 5,600'. **Weather:**
Clear; wind calm; 20-37 °F. **Totals:** 19 Species,
100 Individuals.

November 30, Tuesday (BCP)
Bear Creek Lake Park-Lakewood.
Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 37. **Time:**
0900-1230. **Distance:** 9.0 miles by car, 0.5 miles
on foot. **Habitats:** reservoir, riparian, deciduous
woods, open fields; elev. 5,800'. **Weather:**
Cloudy; wind NW, 5-20 mph; 50-62 °F. **Totals:**
27 Species, 453 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (compiler)

CLASSES AND EXCURSIONS

"Cranes Along the Platte!" March 25-26, 2000.
The Denver Zoo is organizing a trip to the South
Platte River in Nebraska, to view Sandhill Cranes
and other migrating waterfowl. Featured are
visits to NAS Rowe Sanctuary and the Funk
Lagoon Waterfowl Production Area. For
information and fees, call Francesca Giongo,
Adult Programs, Denver Zoo. 303-376-4888.

"Birds and Berries: Landscaping and Habitat
Creation for Songbirds" Classes held At DBG,
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In recognition of his lifetime of service to the ornithological community, the Board of Directors of DFO has awarded a Lifetime Membership to Dr. Ronald Ryder. Our heartiest congratulations to Dr. Ryder!

DFO DUES

Just a reminder! DFO membership dues for the year 2000 are payable by Dec. 31, 1999. New members who paid their initial dues in the last quarter of 1999 are exempted.

GUIDELINES FOR DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

The Denver Field Ornithologists has approximately \$1,000 to award to individuals or organizations who apply for grants for projects that promote interest in the study of birds and the preservation of their habitats. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications for such grants. Guidelines for applicants:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by Jan. 31. The application form is at the back of this issue.
2. Thorough details of the project(s) and funding are required.
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board
4. Grant awards will be announced in May.
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project

and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.

6. The completed application form should be returned to the DFO President.

We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and preservation.

FIELD TRIP UPDATES

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica" 2/25/00-3/10/00. Trip limited to 10 participants (non-smokers only, please). Contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 4250 Busby Dr. #312, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661 for information.

Birding in SE Arizona? DFO members are invited to contact Dieter Kamm (see above) for local birding information or to join him for a birding trip in the area.

Special thanks to Jackie King, one of our field trip schedulers, for revising the trip leader instruction sheet, and maintaining the files for future updates. Thanks also to David Laliberte (Field Trip Compilation Editor) for the revision of the DFO Field Trip Report Form, so that it follows the current AOU species order. Please note that a number of species have been relocated on the form. *Trip leaders should use only the new revised form* to maintain consistency for David. Thank you, leaders, for your assistance in using the new forms, and for leading our trips!

-Karleen Schofield, Scheduler Coordinator

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

DFO WEB SITE HAS MOVED

Please note the new address of the DFO web site:

www.geocities.com/dfobirders

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NOTE – For the January 2000 *Lark Bunting* only, send announcements to Dave Quesenberry 6254 S Elmira Cir E, Englewood, CO 80111; beqrqy@yahoo.com. For February 2000 and later continue to send announcements to Norm Lewis.

November Additional Reports

Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
Pacific Loon	11/11	11/19	up to 2	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones
Pacific Loon	11/12	11/19	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob and Lea Ann Brown
Pacific Loon	11/6	11/11	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Greater White-fronted Goose	11/19	11/21	1	Utah Park, Aurora	Arapahoe	Dan Bridges, Mobs.
Brant	11/16	11/22	1 "black"	Utah Park, Aurora	Arapahoe	Dan Bridges, Mobs.
Barrow's Goldeneye	11/27		30m, 17f	Grand Lake	Grand	Tina Jones, Paul & Verla Priest
Pomarine Jaeger	11/15	11/21	1i	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob and Lea Ann Brown
Bushtit	11/27		12	Lake Grandby (unusual at 8600' in lodgepole pine, spruce, fir forest)	Grand	Tina Jones, Paul & Verla Priest

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	6 CHA	7 SPP	13 BAR	14 CCR	20 JSR	21 LON	26 HUT	27 SPR	28 BOU	2 BCH	9 WRG	16 CSP	23 WAT	30 BCP	
Common Loon	4			1	2							2			9
Pied-billed Grebe	3	2		7		7	1	1	2		4				27
Horned Grebe	1			8		10						1			20
Eared Grebe	3	1		16											20
Western Grebe	150		11	52	50	8			1			2			274
Clark's Grebe	1														1
Double-cr. Cormorant				6			4								10
Great Blue Heron	2		3			2	4		5			1			17
Black-cr. Night-Heron								1a							1
Gr. White-fr. Goose			4												4
Snow Goose	1a					1	1								3
Ross's Goose							3								3
Canada Goose	42	25	125	51	200	906	5590	321	530		145	20	10	190	8155
Trumpeter Swan									1a						1
Wood Duck									1						1
Gadwall	2	20	40	10	10	6	2	59	54		51				254
American Wigeon	2			3		170	45	43	350		35				648
Mallard	6	75	80	7	50	1075	105	32	80		46	2	1	10	1569
Northern Shoveler	2m,4f		3	14		80		31	205		62				401
Northern Pintail	6		1	1		3		23	32						66
Green-winged Teal			2	24	1	4	1	26	48						106
Canvasback						4			27						31
Redhead					10	85	1	8	150						254
Ring-necked Duck						195	21	70	240						526
Lesser Scaup	49			1				1			7				58
Bufflehead	2m,1f	8		5		17	3	16	5					6	63
Common Goldeneye	1f				10	20	25	18	14		3	5		28	124
Barrow's Goldeneye								1m							1
Hooded Merganser							1	4	32		2				39
Common Merganser	9					300			22			3		1	335
Ruddy Duck						4			4		3				11
Bald Eagle	1a		3a,4j		1	1	5	1a	1a,1i					1	19
Northern Harrier	1m,2f		4	5		7	3	1	1					1f	25
Sharp-shinned Hawk											1				1
Red-tailed Hawk	11	2	1	4	1	8	9	8	9	1	1	8		5	68
Dark Morph												(ii)			
Rufous Morph	(1)											(ii)			
western races						(8)									
"Harlan's" race									(2)						
"Krider's" race								(1)							
Ferruginous Hawk						1	4	1	2						8

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Rough-legged Hawk			2			2	1								5
Golden Eagle						5	2								7
American Kestrel	2		8	2	10	15	4	4	5			2	3	2	57
Prairie Falcon		1												2	3
Ring-necked Pheasant			3		1	1									5
Virginia Rail	2			1h							3				6
American Coot	18	250	12	24		434	8		270		34				1050
Killdeer		1	9	4					4						18
Western Sandpiper			3												3
Dunlin			3												3
Common Snipe				6		1			4			1			12
Franklin's Gull			5												5
Bonaparte's Gull				12											12
Ring-billed Gull	43	3	200	134	100	1500	54	158	165		75	45		8	2485
California Gull	38			9	1		1					1			50
Herring Gull	10			1	4		3								18
Rock Dove			1	3	20	29	524	39	55		20	40		24	755
Com. Ground-Dove					1										1
Great Horned Owl				1	1				3			2		1	8
Long-eared Owl					3										3
Belted Kingfisher	4	2	1	1	1	2	2	2h	4		3	4	8		34
Downy Woodpecker "eastern" race	4		4	1	1			2	2 (2)	1	2	2	2	3	24
Hairy Woodpecker										1		1			2
Northern Flicker "Yellow-shafted"	23	5	6	14	12 (2)	5	5	4	11	3	17	2	9	2	118
"Red-shafted"	(23)	(5)	(6)	(14)	(10)	(5)	(5)	(4)	(11)				(9)	(2)	
Northern Shrike	3		1		1	1	1								7
Shrike sp.												1			1
Steller's Jay										11					11
Blue Jay		2	1	2	6	1		2	2		2				18
Western Scrub-Jay											1		3		4
Black-billed Magpie	23	12	25	27		28	23	47	21	4	15	21	8	10	264
American Crow	1	2		4		3	115	1	11	22		9	3	10	181
Common Raven	2	1				1	10		1	6					21
Horned Lark	3		3	9	30	15	52								112
Blk.-capped Chickadee	73	9	2	6		3		3	12	10	15	20	7	16	176
Mountain Chickadee										4					4
White-br. Nuthatch											1				1
Brown Creeper	2h										1	1		2	6

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	CHA	SPP	BAR	CCR	JSR	LON	HUT	SPR	BOU	BCH	WRG	CHA	WAT	BCP	
Rock Wren							1								1
Canyon Wren													3		3
American Dipper		1							1				4		6
Ruby-crowned Kinglet											2				2
Western Bluebird										6					6
Mountain Bluebird										2					2
Townsend's Solitaire													3		3
American Robin	5	2	2	3		37		3	5	1	2			2	62
European Starling	32	50	15	527	200	326	25	217	800		23	50		35	2300
American Pipit	2														2
Spotted Towhee	1										2				3
Am. Tree Sparrow	9		4	7	20	2			9	3		5	5	3	67
Chipping Sparrow						3									3
Vesper Sparrow												1			1
Song Sparrow	11	4	3	3	6	2	1	8	5		4	6	3	3	59
Harris's Sparrow					1										1
White-cr. Sparrow			8		50			3	1		1				63
"Gambel's" race								(1)	(1)						
Dark-eyed Junco	6		10	7	20	1		2		24	3	4	21	8	106
"White-winged"										(2)					
"Slate-colored"					10	(1)									10
"Oregon" race				(7)				(1)					(5)		
"Pink-sided" race	6												(2)		6
Red-winged Blackbird	17		300	63	200	51	50		125		3				809
Western Meadowlark	1		2		1	8			2			1			15
Brewer's Blackbird				8	100			20							128
Common Grackle								1							1
House Finch	36	5	1	65	10	6	5	5	70	5	20		2	55	285
Pine Siskin	2h														2
American Goldfinch	16		3	3	2			3	36		15		2	1	81
House Sparrow			7	31	50	5	4	12	40		32			24	205
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	701	483	925	1193	1197	5401	6719	1202	3481	104	656	263	97	453	22875
TOTAL SPECIES	49	23	41	46	37	50	40	41	50	16	36	29	18	27	

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NOVEMBER 1999 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units								
		SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS		98	22,875	14	252	69.5	558.1	24.5
DFO FIELD TRIPS		86	21,302	9	74	52.5	530.6	13.5
TUESDAY BIRDERS		62	1,573	5	178	17.0	27.5	11.0
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 13 - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 1 - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 2								
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)								
Trumpeter Swan, Common Ground-Dove								

**DFO FALL COUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER
1999**

Thursday, Sept. 9 (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leaders: Tamie Bulow, Patty Echelmeyer.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Mary C. Burger, Sue Schulman. **Time:** 0700-1430. **Distance:** 10.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, lake, plains; elev. 5,000'+. **Weather:** mostly sunny; wind 10 mph; temp. 50-80°F.

Totals: 52 Species, 838 Individuals.

Sept. 11, Saturday (WAT)

Waterton, downstream - Waterton bridge, Martin wetlands, Roxborough Park road.

Leader: Hugh Kingery. **Observers:** Liz Burton, Ethan Carr, Bev Dugay, Beverly Guild, Dianna Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Urling Kingery, Paul Slingsby, Ann Thomas, Barbara Thomas. **Time:** 0645-1445. **Distance:** 10.0 miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** plains, riparian, grasslands, marsh, ponds; elev. 5,300'. **Weather:** partly cloudy; no wind; 45-75°F. **Totals:** 67 Species, 2223 Individuals.

Sept. 11, Saturday (LBC)

Lower Bear Creek, Marston

Leader: Bob Spencer. **Observers:** Bobby Ausphal, Ruth Brekon, Bob Frager, David Laliberte, Mort Staatz. **Time:** 0730-1430. **Distance:** 30.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, stream, urbanwoods, park, ponds, reservoir; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** clear to partly cloudy; wind SW 0-5 mph; 50-75°F. **Totals:** 54 Species, 1780 Individuals

Sept. 11, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Ed Holub, Dick Pratt. **Time:** 0630-1545. **Distance:** 5.0 miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot. **Weather:** a.m.: partly cloudy to mostly cloudy; p.m.: mostly clear; wind calm; temp. 50-75°F. **Totals:** 64 Species, 1380 Individuals.

Sept. 11, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Bob Bolling, Rhonda Bolling, Walt Hackney, Joe Roller. **Time:** 0630-1641. **Distance:** 25.0 miles by car, 7.0 miles on foot. **Weather:** mostly cloudy; light sprinkles on and off; wind N, 0-10 mph; temp. 62-78°F. **Totals:** 72 Species, 839 Individuals.

Sept. 12, Sunday (CAS)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Kitty Albee. **Time:** 0530-1530. **Distance:** 15.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Weather:** cloudy; temp. 45-55°F. **Totals:** 54 Species, 534 Individuals.

Sept. 12, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Urling Kingery. **Observers:** Dianna Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Hugh Kingery, Bob Menter, Elaine Menter, Jean Morgan, Sue Schulman, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0645-1745. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. **Habitats:** plains riparian, locust thickets, grasslands, marsh, ponds; elev. 5,400'. **Weather:** cloudy; temp. 40-58°F. **Totals:** 92 Species, 2055 Individuals.

Sept. 12, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery - Ireland Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir, Horse Creek Reservoir, Lochbuie,

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** David Laliberte, Richard Mendez, Dave O'Reilly. **Time:** 0630-1700. **Distance:** 80.0 miles by car, 0.30 miles on foot. **Habitats:** roadsides, fields-cultivated and "natural", irrigation ditches, marshy areas, ponds, reservoirs; elev. 4,980'-5,000'. **Weather:** cool overcast to partly cloudy, hazy, mild; wind NE, 0-10 mph; temp. 48-59°F. **Totals:** 72 Species, 7741 Individuals.

Editor's Note - The above summaries were inadvertently left out of the October Lark Bunting

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

JANUARY FIELD TRIPS

Jan. 1, Saturday

Start your year 2000 bird list by joining the Urban Count. Call leaders as noted in November *Lark Bunting*.

Jan. 2, Sunday

Chatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader: Ira Sanders, (303) 278-7172

Meet at 0800 at fee station just inside west entrance. From C-470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south 1.5 miles. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass needed.

Jan. 8, Saturday

Big Dry Creek Open Space (BDC)

Leader: Norm Lewis, (303) 988-5544

Meet at 0900 at far west parking lot of Front Range Community College on north side of 112th Ave. in Westminster approximately half way between Sheridan and Federal. Half day trip, lunch optional.

Jan. 9, Sunday

Boulder area (BOU)

Leader: Bob Jickling, (303) 499-4977

Meet leader at 0900 at Valmont Power Plant in Boulder. From US 36 take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north 2 miles to Arapahoe Rd., then east 2 miles to 63rd St. then 0.25 miles north to entrance on the right. Full day trip, bring lunch.

Jan 15, Saturday

Castlewood Canyon (CAC)

Leader: Gail Evans, (303) 758-2231

Enjoy breakfast at the home of Bridget Melnes in Castle Pines North. Trip will include Castlewood Canyon and the bird-rich yard of Urling and Hugh Kingery. Call leader for directions and time and place to meet.

Jan. 16, Sunday

Northeast Colorado (NEC)

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 287-1644

Meet leader at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History. Full day trip, bring lunch. State Parks Pass necessary for Jackson and Prewitt Reservoirs. Excellent trip for wintering raptors.

Jan. 22, Saturday

Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR)

Leaders: Bob and Lea Ann Brown, (303) 791-6204

Meet at 0800 just inside west gate, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite on Union Ave. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional.

Jan. 23, Sunday

Power lines starting at Platteville (PLA)

Leader: Dick Pratt, (303) 651-6860

Meet leader at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History. Full day trip, bring lunch. Eagles at Union Reservoir are possible.

Jan. 29, Saturday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)

Leader: Ed Holub, (303) 979-2194

Number of observers is limited for this popular trip. Call leader in advance to register.

Jan. 30, Sunday

South Platte River @ 88th Avenue Bridge

Leader: Diana Mullineaux, (303) 278-7245

Meet leader at 0900 in the parking lot at south side of East 88th Ave. at Colorado Blvd. (along the Platte River). Half day trip. Up to two miles of easy walking. Ducks should be gathered along the river.

January trips scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

(Fill in or attach requested information)

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

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Individual or organization to receive grant _____

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Description of Project:

What are the anticipated starting and completion dates?

Amount of funding requested:

Details of how funds will be used;

Other information for the DFO Board's consideration:

Signature _____ Date _____

All grant applications must be postmarked by January 31.
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